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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **SOME MEDICARE RECIPIENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICAID ASSISTANCE**

Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part A or B may be eligible for the state to cover payment of their Medicare premium, deductibles, and co-insurance. The program that covers these expenses is called Medicaid for Qualified Beneficiaries. It is a Medicaid program that will increase the monthly financial benefit received from Social Security for those who qualify.

Currently in Randolph County 4,842 individuals are covered under Medicaid for Qualified Beneficiaries otherwise known as MQB. Some eligible for payment of their Medicare premium, deductibles, and co-insurance will qualify for full coverage Medicaid benefits, which include select dental and vision care services, as well as access to non-emergency medical transportation. Not all beneficiaries will receive a Medicaid card.

Income and financial resources are considered when determining eligibility. Family size is also a consideration, including the beneficiary, spouse (if there is one), and any dependent children under age 18 living in the home. Both earned and unearned income will be reviewed. Financial resources including personal property, real property, and liquid assets will be assessed.

Once approved for this benefit, payment of the Medicare premium will occur automatically. The Medicaid card (if eligible) should be presented at the doctor's office to cover Medicare deductibles and co-insurance.

In North Carolina, the Medicaid program is administered by the Division of Health Benefits (DHB) on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as the single-state agency. For more information about Medicaid, visit the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) website at [www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/medicaid-transformation](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/medicaid-transformation) or call your local county Department of Social Services. In Randolph County, call 336-683-8000.

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