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**INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM
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TO: ISD AND MAD STAFF

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THROUGH: ROBERT D. BEARDSLEY, BUREAU CHIEF, CLIENT SERVICES BUREAU

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**SUBJECT: WDI PROGRAM (CAT 043) EARNINGS INCREASE FOR QUALIFYING
QUARTER PER SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S DEFINITION**

Effective January, 2005 with the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase, the earned income minimum, needed to meet the Social Security Administration's definition of a "qualifying quarter," increased from \$900 to \$920.

An individual must have a minimum of \$920.00 per quarter in order to meet the earned income criteria. This applies to those individuals who are working (non-Medigap group) and those individuals who are losing their Medigap status because they have begun to receive Medicare benefits.

If you have questions regarding this GI or the WDI program, please contact Ernesto Rodriguez at (505) 827-6292, Orlando Vasquez at (505) 476-6814, or Mark Lailles at (505) 476-6868.