

**INCOME
FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS**

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

If the A/R meets the above five criteria s/he is eligible for Medicaid payment of the Medicare Part A premium, not the Medicare Part B premium.

Qualifying Individuals (QI)

The A/R must:

1. have Part A of Medicare;
2. have income greater than or equal to 120% but less than 135% of the federal poverty level.

If the A/R meets the above criteria s/he is eligible for Medicaid payment of the Medicare Part B premiums. The monthly amounts are identified in **REFERENCE MEDICARE PART A and PART B PREMIUMS**. Each state has been given a capped allocation to fund these premium payments.

NOTE: See **REFERENCE** section for a chart displaying the Medicaid Levels and Federal Poverty Levels. The A/R can either be eligible for the Medicare Savings Program or apply his/her income/resources, in excess of the appropriate Medically Needy level (See **REFERENCE MEDICALLY NEEDY INCOME AND FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS** and **MEDICAID RESOURCE LEVELS**) to the cost of medical care and services, spending down to become eligible for Medicaid coverage. At the time of application, the applicant is encouraged to make a choice. The advantages and disadvantages of both programs are fully explained. An A/R may switch between spenddown and Medicare Savings Program; however, in the interest of accuracy and administrative efficiency, the A/R is encouraged to select one of the two programs.