

**INCOME****MEDICAID FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES**

**Policy:** Certain A/Rs who receive Medicare may be eligible for Medicaid to pay the Medicare premium, coinsurance and deductible amounts.

**References:** SSL Sect. 367-a (3)a  
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**Interpretation:** There are five groups that are eligible for payment or part-payment of Medicare premiums, coinsurance and deductibles.

**Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs)**

The A/R must:

1. be entitled to benefits under Part A of Medicare;
2. have income equal to or less than 100% of the federal poverty level; and
3. have resources not in excess of twice the SSI limit, therefore, resources cannot exceed \$4,000 for a household of one or \$6,000 for a household of two.

If the A/R meets the above three criteria s/he is eligible for Medicaid payment of the Medicare Part A and B premiums, coinsurance and deductible amounts.

**Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLIMBs)**

The A/R must:

1. be entitled to benefits under Part A of Medicare;
2. have income between 100% - 120% of the federal poverty level; and
3. have resources not in excess of twice the SSI limit, therefore, resources cannot exceed \$4,000 for a household of one or \$6,000 for a household of two.

If the A/R meets the above three criteria s/he is eligible for Medicaid payment of the Medicare Part B premiums.

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#### **Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (QDWIs)**

The A/R must:

1. be entitled to benefits under Part A of Medicare;
2. have income equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level;
3. have resources not in excess of twice the SSI limit, therefore, resources cannot exceed \$4,000 for a household of one or \$6,000 for a household of two; and
4. not be otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

If the A/R meets the above four criteria s/he is eligible for Medicaid payment of the Medicare Part A premiums.

#### **Qualifying Individuals – 1 (QI-1s)**

The A/R must:

1. be entitled to benefits under Part A of Medicare;
2. have income between 120% - 135% of the federal poverty level; and
3. have resources not in excess of twice the SSI limit, therefore, resources cannot exceed \$4,000 for a household of one or \$6,000 for a household of two.

If the A/R meets the above three criteria s/he is eligible for Medicaid payment of the Medicare Part B premiums, which in 2000 is \$45.50 per month. This premium payment is only valid for the period from January 1998 through December 2002. Each state has been given a capped allocation to fund these premium payments.

#### **Qualifying Individuals – 2 (QI-2s)**

The A/R must:

1. be entitled to benefits under Part A of Medicare;

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- 2. have income between 135% - 175% of the federal poverty level; and
- 3. have resources not in excess of twice the SSI limit, therefore, resources cannot exceed \$4,000 for a household of one or \$6,000 for a household of two.

If the A/R meets the above three criteria s/he is eligible for Medicaid partial payment of \$2.87 per month toward the Medicare Part B premiums in 2000.

This premium payment is only valid for the period from January 1998 through December 2002. Each state has been given a capped allocation to fund these premium payments.

The 2000 federal poverty levels are:

Household Size	ONE	TWO
100% FPL Monthly	\$8,350 \$696	\$11,250 \$938
120% FPL Monthly	\$10,020 \$835	\$13,500 \$1,125
135% FPL Monthly	\$11,273 \$940	\$15,188 \$1,266
175% FPL Monthly	\$14,613 \$1,218	\$19,688 \$1,641
200% FPL Monthly	\$16,700 \$1,392	\$22,500 \$1,875

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