

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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The A/R must:

1. be entitled to benefits under Part A of Medicare;
2. ***be a disabled worker less than 65 years of age;***
3. have income equal to or less than 200% of the federal poverty level;
4. 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
5. not be otherwise eligible for Medicaid.

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 – 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 **2001 is \$50.00** per month. This **program** 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:

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1. be entitled to benefits under Part A of Medicare;
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 **\$3.09** per month toward the Medicare Part B premiums in **2001**.

This premium payment **program** 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 **2001** federal poverty levels are:

Household Size	ONE	TWO
100% FPL Monthly	\$8,590 \$716	\$11,610 \$968
120% FPL Monthly	\$10,308 \$859	\$13,932 \$1,161
135% FPL Monthly	\$11,597 \$967	\$15,674 \$1,307
175% FPL Monthly	\$15,033 \$1,253	\$20,318 \$1,694
200% FPL Monthly	\$17,180 \$1,432	\$23,220 \$1,935

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