

LIS Changes under MIPPA

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- The Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 included several provisions that support LIS eligibility through deeming and through application.

Qualifying Individuals (QI)

- Extended the QI program through December 2009.

MSP Resource Standard

- Effective January 1, 2010, increases the resource test applicable under the Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) to match the resource standards applicable under Part D prescription drug program low-income subsidy (full subsidy level).

Resource Exclusion

- Effective January 1, 2010, excludes the value of life insurance from the definition of assets.

Income Exclusion

- Effective January 1, 2010, excludes support and maintenance furnished in kind from the definition of income.

Late Enrollment Penalty

- Effective January 1, 2009, waived the Late Enrollment Penalty (LEP) for individuals who are eligible for the low-income subsidy (LIS).

Estate Recovery

- Effective January 1, 2010, exempts from estate recovery amounts paid for Medicare cost-sharing (Part A and B premiums, coinsurance, and deductibles) on behalf of dual eligibles who are entitled to Medicare A/B.

Eliminating Barriers to Enrollment

- Effective January 1, 2010, requires SSA, with the beneficiary's permission, to transmit data from LIS applications to states for the purpose of the states' determination of MSP eligibility. The data transmittal initiates an MSP application on the beneficiary's behalf.