



2017 Medicare Savings Program (MSP) Income Limits*

Medicare Savings Program: This program provides help from Medicaid paying Medicare costs, including Medicare premiums, deductibles, and/or coinsurance; often has higher income and resource guidelines than full Medicaid.

Medicare Savings	Individual Monthly Income Limit	Married Couple Monthly Income Limit	Program Pays For
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)	\$1,025	\$1,374	Part A and Part B premiums, and other cost-sharing (like deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments)
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)	\$1,226	\$1,644	Part B premiums only
Qualifying Individual (QI)	\$1,377	\$1,847	Part B premiums only
Qualified Disabled & Working Individuals (QDWI)	\$4,105**	\$5,499**	Part A premiums only

* Chart is applicable to the 48 states and DC, and not Hawaii and Alaska (because they have higher numbers).

** This includes additional earned income exclusions.

VISIT: [medicare.gov/contacts/#resources/msps](https://www.medicare.gov/contacts/#resources/msps) to see your state's program.

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Qualified Medicare Beneficiary

If you qualify for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (**QMB**) program, you get help paying your Part A and Part B premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. To qualify for QMB you must be eligible for Medicare Part A, and have an income not exceeding 100% of the federal poverty level (FPL). This will be effective the first month following the month QMB eligibility is approved. Eligibility can't be retroactive.

Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary

To qualify for the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (**SLMB**) program, you must be eligible for Medicare Part A and have an income that is at least 100%, but doesn't exceed 120% of the FPL. If you qualify for SLMB, you get help paying for your Part B premium.

Qualified Individual

To qualify for the Qualified Individual (**QI**) program, you must be eligible for Medicare Part A, and have an income not exceeding 135% of the FPL.

NOTE: In 2017, the resource limits for the **QMB**, **SLMB**, and **QI** programs are \$7,390 for a single person and \$11,090 (doesn't include \$1,500 burial fund disregard) for a married person living with a spouse and no other dependents. These resource limits are adjusted on January 1 of each year, based on the change in the annual consumer price index since September of the previous year.

Qualified Disabled and Working Individual

To qualify for the Qualified Disabled and Working Individual program (**QDWI**), you must be entitled to Medicare Part A because of a loss of disability-based Part A due to earnings exceeding Substantial Gainful Activity; have an income not higher than 200% of the FPL, and resources not exceeding twice the maximum for Supplemental Security Income (\$4,000 for an individual, and \$6,000 for married couple in 2017); and not be otherwise eligible for Medicaid. If you qualify, you get help paying your Part A premium. If your income is between 150% and 200% of the FPL, the state can ask you to pay a part of your Medicare Part A premium.