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TABLE OF STANDARDS

Medicare Savings Programs - Income

	ABD 008			
Supersedes:	MA 003, MA 004, and MA 012 (03/01/15)			
References:	ARM 37.83.201; 37.82.101; Federal Register Vol. 81, No. 15 (01/25/16); P.L. 110-275 (MIPPA)			
Overview:	<p><u>GENERAL RULE</u>—Use the following standards to determine financial eligibility for Medicare Savings Programs. Medicare Savings programs include <i>Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB)</i>, <i>Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)</i> and <i>Qualified Individuals (QI)</i>.</p>			
INCOME	Effective <u>April 1, 2016</u> , use the following standards to determine income eligibility for Medicare Savings Programs (MSP):			
		QMB	SLMB	QI
	Individual	\$0 to \$990.00	\$990.01 to \$1188.00	\$1188.01 to \$1337.00
	Couple	\$0 to \$1335.00	\$1335.01 to \$1602.00	\$1602.01 to \$1803.00
	<p>NOTE: In years in which there is an SSA COLA increase, on-going MSP recipients' SSA COLA increases are disregarded when received until the new MSP benefit standard is implemented for that year. These clients are entitled to receive continuous MSP benefits until the new MSP income limits are published. <u>The system handles this disregard automatically.</u></p>			
APPLICATION	Effective January 1, 2010, applications for Social Security Extra Help are considered applications for Medicare Savings Programs. Medicare beneficiaries may also apply for Medicare Savings Programs through the traditional application process at any Office of Public Assistance, and can apply online at apply.mt.gov . The State will be notified electronically of applications received by Social Security for Extra Help. These applications will be processed after that notification. Verification and documentation must still be requested and received by the Department according to established application processing policies outlined in this manual.			
EFFECTIVE DATE	March 1, 2016			