

Department of Public Health
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Section:
TABLE OF STANDARDS

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Subject:
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries
(QMB)

Supersedes: MA 003 (04/01/14)

► **References:** ARM 37.83.201; 37.82.101; Federal Register Vol. 79, No. 14 (01/22/14); P.L. 110-275 (MIPPA)

GENERAL RULE—Use the following standards to determine financial eligibility for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) coverage:

► **RESOURCES** Effective March 1, 2015, use the following resource standards to determine resource eligibility for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB).

Individual \$7,280

Couple \$10,930

► **INCOME** Effective March 1, 2015, use the following standards to determine income eligibility for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) coverage:

IndividualBetween \$0 and \$981.00

CoupleBetween \$0 and \$1328.00

NOTE: In years in which there is an SSA COLA increase, on-going QMB recipients' SSA COLA increases are disregarded when received until the new QMB benefit standard is implemented for that year. These clients are entitled to receive continuous QMB benefits until the new QMB income limits are published. The system handles this disregard automatically.

APPLICATION Effective 1/1/2010, 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. 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.

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