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## AGENCY LETTER

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**SUPRECEDES NUMBER:**

**DATE: 3/11/2016**

**DIVISION OR OFFICE: HEALTH INFORMATION OFFICE**

**SUBJECT AREA: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM AND  
LOW INCOME SUBSIDY**

**SUBJECT: 2016 INCOME LIMITS**

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### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this agency letter is to advise county departments of human/social services and Medical Assistance sites of the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) and Low Income Subsidy (LIS) income limits. MSP Categories include: Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low-income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), Qualified Individuals (QI-1) and Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI). Please share this agency letter with anyone who works with these programs.

### **Background:**

The income limits for the QMB, SLMB, QI-1, QDWI and LIS programs are based on federal poverty level (FPL) guidelines that are updated annually. The 2016 guidelines were published on January 25, 2016 (Federal Register, Volume 81, No. 15, page 4036 - 4037). The MSP income limits listed below include the \$20 unearned income disregard.

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**Procedure or Information:**

Medicare Savings Program

		2015	2016			2015	2016
<b>QMB</b>	Individual	\$1,001	\$1,010	<b>SLMB</b>	Individual	\$1,197	\$1,208
	Couple	\$1,348	\$1,355		Couple	\$1,613	\$1,622

		2015	2016			2015	2016
<b>QI-1</b>	Individual	\$1,345	\$1,357	<b>QDWI</b>	Individual	\$1,982	\$2,000
	Couple	\$1,813	\$1,823		Couple	\$2,675	\$2,690

Low Income Subsidy

<b>Year</b>		2015	2016
	Individual	\$1,472	\$1,485
	Couple	\$1,992	\$2,003

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