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AGENCY LETTER

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DIVISION OR OFFICE: HEALTH INFORMATION OFFICE

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

SUBJECT: 2017 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 2017 guidelines were published on January 31, 2017 (Federal Register, Volume 82, No. 19, page 8831 - 8832). The MSP income limits listed below include the \$20 unearned income disregard.

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Procedure or Information:

Medicare Savings Program

		2016	2017			2016	2017
QMB	Individual	\$1,010	\$1,025	SLMB	Individual	\$1,208	\$1,226
	Couple	\$1,355	\$1,374		Couple	\$1,622	\$1,644

		2016	2017			2016	2017
QI-1	Individual	\$1,357	\$1,377	QDWI	Individual	\$2,000	\$2,030
	Couple	\$1,823	\$1,847		Couple	\$2,690	\$2,727

Low Income Subsidy

Year		2016	2017
	Individual	\$1,485	\$1,508
	Couple	\$2,003	\$2,030

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