



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this memo 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 memo letter with anyone who works with these programs.

Information:

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 2020 guidelines were published on January 17, 2020 (Federal Register, Volume 85, No. 12, pages 3060-3061). The MSP income limits listed below include the \$20 unearned income disregard.

		2019	2020			2019	2020
QMB	Individual	\$1,061	\$1,084	SLMB	Individual	\$1,269	\$1,296
	Couple	\$1,430	\$1,457		Couple	\$1,711	\$1,744
QI-1	Individual	\$1,426	\$1,456	QDWI	Individual	\$2,102	\$2,147
	Couple	\$1,923	\$1,960		Couple	\$2,839	\$2,894

		2019	2020
LIS	Individual	\$1,562	\$1,595
	Couple	\$2,114	\$2,155

Attachment(s):

None

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