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## AGENCY LETTER

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**SUPRECEDES NUMBER:**

**DATE: 3/17/2015**

**DIVISION OR OFFICE: HEALTH INFORMATION OFFICE**

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

**SUBJECT: 2015 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 2015 guidelines were published on January 22, 2015 (Federal Register, Volume 80, No. 14, page 3236-3237). The MSP income limits listed below include the \$20 unearned income disregard.

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**Procedure or Information:**

Medicare Savings Program

		2014	2015			2014	2015
<b>QMB</b>	Individual	\$993	\$1,001	<b>SLMB</b>	Individual	\$1,187	\$1,197
	Couple	\$1,331	\$1,348		Couple	\$1,593	\$1,613

		2014	2015			2014	2015
<b>QI-1</b>	Individual	\$1,333	\$1,345	<b>QDWI</b>	Individual	\$1,965	\$1,982
	Couple	\$1,790	\$1,813		Couple	\$2,622	\$2,675

Low Income Subsidy

<b>Year</b>		2014	2015
	Individual	\$1,459	\$1,472
	Couple	\$1,967	\$1,992

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