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AGENCY LETTER

AGENCY LETTER NUMBER: HCPF 16 - 003 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 TYPE: I – INFORMATION APPROVED BY: CHRIS UNDERWOOD

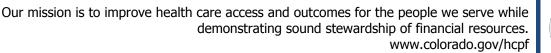
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Purpose:

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.





Procedure or Information:

Medicare Savings Program							
	5	2015	2016			2015	2016
QMB	Individual	\$1,001	\$1,010		Individual	\$1,197	\$1,208
				SLMB			
	Couple	\$1,348	\$1,355		Couple	\$1,613	\$1,622
		2015	2016			2015	2016
QI-1	Individual	\$1,345	\$1,357		Individual	\$1,982	\$2,000
				QDWI			
	Couple	\$1,813	\$1,823		Couple	\$2,675	\$2,690
Low Income Subsidy							
Year		2015	2016				
	Individual	\$1,472	\$1,485				
	Couple	\$1,992	\$2,003				

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