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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 INCREASE TO RESOURCE LIMITS

TYPE: I – INFORMATION

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Purpose:

The purpose of this agency letter is to advise eligibility sites of the increased resource limits for Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB), Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB), Qualified Individuals (QI-1), and Low Income Subsidy (LIS) resource limits.

Background:

Section 112 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA), signed into law on July 15, 2008, amended Section 1905(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act to make the resource limit for QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 conform to the resource limit for individuals who qualify for the full subsidy Medicare Part D LIS. The resource limit does not apply for the Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) program. The resource test was increased effective January 1, 2017 for QMB, SLMB, QI-1 and LIS and is listed below.

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Procedure or Information:

Medicare Savings Program

		2015	2017			2015	2017
QMB	Individual	\$8,780	\$8,890	SLMB	Individual	\$8,780	\$8,890
	Couple	\$13,930	\$14,090		Couple	\$13,930	\$14,090

		2015	2017			2015	2017
QI-1	Individual	\$8,780	\$8,890	QDWI	Individual	\$4,000	\$4,000
	Couple	\$13,930	\$14,090		Couple	\$6,000	\$6,000

Low Income Subsidy

Year		2015	2017
	Individual	\$13,640	\$13,820
	Couple	\$27,250	\$27,600

Effective Date:

January 1, 2017

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