

# Medicaid Eligibility Guide For Medicare Cost-Sharing Coverage



Individuals with Medicare Part A and/or Part B, who have limited income, may get help paying for their out-of-pocket Medicare expenses from the Medicaid Program.

## The Medicare Cost-Sharing groups include:

### 1. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB):

- In the QMB Program, Medicaid will pay your Medicare Part A and Part B premiums, deductibles, and coinsurance.
- You must be eligible for Medicare, Part A (Hospital Insurance).
- Your total monthly income must be less than **\$1,355 for an individual or \$1,813 for a couple.**
- It does not matter what your resources are in this group. There is no resource test. Eligibility begins the month after the month you are approved. There is no retroactive QMB coverage.
- You will receive a Medicaid card.

### 2. Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)

- You **must have** Medicare, Part A (Hospital Insurance).
- Your total monthly Income must be less than **\$1,615 for an individual or \$2,165 for a couple.**
- It does not matter what your resources are in this group. There is no resource test.
- Eligibility begins with the month a person is qualified, which may be up to three months before the month of application.
- In the SLMB Program, Medicaid will pay only your Medicare Part B premium as of the date that the Division of Medicaid starts your eligibility. A SLMB does not qualify for any additional Medicaid benefits. You will not receive a Medicaid card.

More Information



### 3. Qualifying Individual (QI)

- You **must have** Medicare, Part A (Hospital Insurance.)
- Your total monthly income must be less than **\$1,811 for an individual or \$2,430 for a couple.**
- It does not matter what your resources are in this group.  
There is no resource test.
- Eligibility begins with the month a person is qualified, which may be up to three months before the month of application.
- In the QI Program, Medicaid will pay only your Medicare Part B premium as of the date that the Division of Medicaid starts your eligibility.  
A QI does not qualify for any additional Medicaid benefits.
- You will not receive a Medicaid card. This group is funded by a limited federal allotment. If at any time these funds run out, this group could be affected.

### **After you are approved for one of the 3 Medicare cost-sharing programs:**

- ✓ Allow 4 to 6 weeks before the Medicare premium is added back to your Social Security check. You will be refunded any premiums withheld from your check beginning with the effective date of your eligibility.
- ✓ Choose a Medicare prescription drug plan under Medicare Part D that has a \$0 premium. These plans are referred to as “benchmark” plans. If you choose a benchmark plan, you will have \$0 premium, \$0 deductible, \$0 co-insurance charges and low co-pay charges. If you choose any other type of plan, you can be charged a monthly premium. If you do not pick a Part D plan, you will be assigned to a plan by Medicare. For assistance, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227).

**To apply for Medicare cost-sharing coverage, apply on-line at [www.access.ms.gov](http://www.access.ms.gov) or call or visit a Medicaid Regional Office (RO) to request an application form. You can also apply at your local Social Security office or on-line at [www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/extrahelp).**

Brandon	601-825-0477
Brookhaven	601-835-2020
Clarksdale	662-627-1493
Cleveland	662-843-7753
Columbia	601-731-2271
Columbus	662-329-2190
Corinth	662-286-8091
Greenville	662-332-9370
Greenwood	662-455-1053
Grenada	662-226-4406

Gulfport	228-863-3328
Hattiesburg	601-264-5386
Hinds County	601-978-2399
Kosciusko	662-289-4477
Laurel	601-425-3175
Madison County	601-576-3350
McComb	601-249-2071
Meridian	601-483-9944
Natchez	601-445-4971
New Albany	662-534-0441

Newton	601-635-5205
Oxford	662-371-1365
Pascagoula	228-762-9591
Philadelphia	601-656-3131
Picayune	601-798-0831
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Starkville	662-323-3688
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