

Specific Medicaid Requirements

E. QUALIFIED INDIVIDUAL (QI-1) (QIA)**QI-1 Program Discontinued effective May 1, 2015**

Note: On April 1, 2015 State Medicaid Agencies were notified by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the sunset of Qualifying Individuals (QI-1) program, effective April 1, 2015. Applicants will not be approved for the QI program after May 1, 2015. All QI-1 cases will close effective June 30, 2015.

Income: 121 to 134% FPL

**Assets: \$7,280 Individual
\$10,930 Couple**

An individual or couple (spouses) is eligible for limited* Medicaid coverage when all of the following conditions are met:

- The individual must be enrolled in Medicare, Part A. He must be entitled in any of the following three 3 ways:
 - By being age 64 years, 9 months old or older; or
 - By having been totally and continuously disabled and receiving RSDI or Railroad Retirement benefits for 24 months or longer; or
 - By having end stage renal disease.
- The individual or couple must meet the income test detailed in Chapter 10.

NOTE: RSDI COLA's are disregarded in determining income eligibility until the new FPL limits become effective.

- The individual or couple must meet the asset test detailed in Chapter 11.
- The individual or couple must not be eligible for any full coverage Medicaid group.

* Medicaid coverage is limited to payment of the Medicare Part B premium. The Buy-In Unit accomplishes payment of the Medicare premium. Refer to Chapter 22 for details of how this is accomplished.

Individuals who meet all other QMB or SLIMB eligibility requirements, but who are not yet enrolled in Part B, must be referred to the BMS Medicare Buy-In Unit by sending an electronic message to Medicare Buy-In at dhhrmedicarebuyin@wv.gov. The message must contain the applicant's name, address, date of birth and Social Security Number. The Buy-In Unit contacts Social Security to facilitate enrollment. This avoids any late enrollment penalty

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which may apply to the individual and permits enrollment outside the yearly open enrollment period.

1. Medicaid Card Issuance

No Medical Card is issued to those whose sole Medicaid coverage group is QI-1. The Buy-In Unit is responsible for buying-in to Medicare, Part B, for the client.

Eligibility may be backdated up to 3 months prior to the month of application. However, under no circumstances, may eligibility be backdated prior to January of the calendar year of application. When QI-1 eligibility ends, it ends effective the month following the month in which ineligibility occurs, or when possible according to the end of the advance notice period.

2. Nursing Facility Services

Nursing facility services are not covered under QI-1.

3. Reimbursement Of Medicare Premium Amount

Once the Buy-In Unit includes the QI-1 client in the State Buy-in process and, thus, begins the State's payment of the client's Medicare premium to SSA, SSA refunds all of the Medicare premiums withheld during the time that the State should have paid the premium.

Such reimbursement to the client do not affect the client's eligibility.

4. Changes In Buy-In Status

eRAPIDS notifies the Buy-In-Unit when the case is closed.