

2.12 QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (QMB), SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICAIRE BENEFICIARIES (SLIMB) AND QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS (QI-1) (QIA)**A. QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (QMB)**

When a client is dually eligible for QMB coverage and a full Medicaid coverage group, both benefits are issued under the full Medicaid coverage group case number. Continuing eligibility for both benefits must be determined separately. If the client remains eligible for both benefits at the same level, the full Medicaid coverage group AG is updated in the data system to reflect the current case information. If the change results in a spenddown in the full-coverage Medicaid AG and the client remains eligible for QMB, the QMB benefit must continue uninterrupted. If the client is ineligible for QMB, the benefit is discontinued after proper notification.

B. SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (SLIMB)

When a client is dually eligible for SLIMB coverage and a full Medicaid coverage group, both benefits are issued under the full Medicaid coverage group case number. Continuing eligibility for both benefits must be determined separately based on the changed case circumstances. If the client remains eligible for both benefits at the same level the full Medicaid coverage group case is updated in the data system to reflect the current case information. If the change results in a spenddown in the full Medicaid case and the client remains eligible for SLIMB, the SLIMB benefit must continue uninterrupted. If the client is ineligible for SLIMB, the benefit is discontinued after proper notification.

C. QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS (QI-1) (QIA)

When a client is eligible for QI-1, he must not be eligible for a full coverage Medicaid group to receive the QIA benefit. When a QIA recipient has an increase in income, there is no provision that his benefits must continue uninterrupted. If the increase in income results in his being ineligible for this Medicaid coverage group, the benefit is discontinued after proper notification.