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## AGENCY LETTER

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**DATE: 3/14/2018**

**DIVISION OR OFFICE: HEALTH INFORMATION OFFICE**

**SUBJECT AREA: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM AND  
LOW INCOME SUBSIDY**

**SUBJECT: 2018 INCOME LIMITS**

**TYPE: I – INFORMATION**

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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 2018 guidelines were published on January 18, 2018 (Federal Register, Volume 83, No. 12, page 2642 - 2644). The MSP income limits listed below include the \$20 unearned income disregard.

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**Procedure or Information:**

Medicare Savings Program

		2017	2018			2017	2018
<b>QMB</b>	Individual	\$1,025	\$1,032	<b>SLMB</b>	Individual	\$1,226	\$1,234
	Couple	\$1,374	\$1,392		Couple	\$1,644	\$1,666

		2017	2018			2017	2018
<b>QI-1</b>	Individual	\$1,377	\$1,386	<b>QDWI</b>	Individual	\$2,030	\$2,044
	Couple	\$1,847	\$1,872		Couple	\$2,727	\$2,764

Low Income Subsidy

Year		2017	2018
	Individual	\$1,508	\$1,518
	Couple	\$2,030	\$2,058

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April 1, 2018

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