



## Training Documents

Medicare Buy-In Summary Guide

Part A Buy-In Steps

## Frequently Asked Questions

How can I see my client's current Buy-In status (CBMS access.)

If you follow our Medicare Buy-In Summary Guide, you will find the Medicare Buy-In Summary screen in CBMS. There you should find the latest buy-in transaction relating to that client.

We approved this client for HCBS a month ago, and yet Medicare Buy-In still hasn't begun.

Clients above the SLMB income limit, without a Medicare Savings Program as a secondary award, don't have a way to waive the two-month wait period on buy-in. The two-month wait period is a part of our buy-in agreement with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, is always in effect. Certain Medicaid programs focused on lower income individuals, like SSI Mandatory, waive the two month wait period. An award of QMB or SLMB also waive the two-month wait period, and of course it doesn't apply to QI-1 clients at all. This leaves our 300 Percenters clients, (300 percent of the Federal Poverty Level) and frequently eligible for our Working Adults with Disabilities Buy-In program or one of our HCBS programs, subject to the two month wait period.

It's been multiple months, and I don't see that the system has made any attempt initiating buy-in, what is going on?

If there has been no attempt after multiple months, and no history of buy-in, consider double checking the client's Social Security Number. When that is incorrect and gets fed over to the MMIS where buy-in transactions take place, the MMIS can't pull Medicare data for that client, and they won't look eligible to our automated logic. Contact the state Medicare buy-in staff.

Our client was deemed eligible for an MSP program, and buy-in began. But then we realized the award should have gone further back, will our client get those months paid for automatically?

Our buy-in accretion logic can't look backwards in time! Please contact our state Medicare buy-in staff so we can manually add those older months to Colorado's buy-in.