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### **Purpose and Audience:**

The purpose of this memo is to advise eligibility 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 memo letter with anyone who works with these programs.

### **Information:**

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 2022 guidelines were published on January 12, 2022 (Federal Register, Vol 87, No. 14, pages 3315-3316).

The MSP income limits listed below include the \$20 unearned income disregard.

		2021	2022			2021	2022
<b>QMB</b> <b>100% FPL</b>	Individual	\$1,094	\$1,153	<b>SLMB</b> <b>120% FPL</b>	Individual	\$1,308	\$1,379
	Couple	\$1,472	\$1,546		Couple	\$1,762	\$1,851
<b>QI-1</b> <b>135% FPL</b>	Individual	\$1,469	\$1,549	<b>QDWI</b> <b>200% FPL</b>	Individual	\$2,167	\$2,285
	Couple	\$1,980	\$2,080		Couple	\$2,924	\$3,072
<b>LIS</b> <b>150% FPL</b>	Individual	\$1,610	\$1,699				
	Couple	\$2,178	\$2,289				

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