

Medicare Savings Program
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THERE ARE FIVE PROGRAMS ADMINISTERED BY LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE HUMAN RESOURCES ADMINISTRATION IN NEW YORK CITY THAT CAN ASSIST INDIVIDUALS/COUPLES IN PAYING FOR THEIR MEDICARE PREMIUMS. THESE FIVE PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE MEDICAID PROGRAM, ARE DESCRIBED BELOW WITH THE APPLICABLE 2002 INCOME AND RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY.

The income below, except for full Medicaid, is prior to a \$20 exemption.

Full Medicaid: This program pays for a wide range of medical care, services and supplies as well as the coinsurance and deductible payments for Medicare beneficiaries. The 2002 income and resource requirements for those applicants who are aged, or certified blind or disabled are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single:	\$634 per month	\$3,800
Couple	\$925 per month	\$5,550

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB): This program can pay for either the Medicare Part A or Part B premium. For payment of the Medicare Part A premium, applicants must conditionally enroll in Medicare Part A at their local Social Security Office. This program also pays for the Medicare Parts A and B coinsurance and deductibles. The 2002 income and resource requirements for this program are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single	\$763 per month	\$4,000
Couple	\$1,020 per month	\$6,000

Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLIMB): This program pays for Medicare Part B premium only. The applicant must have Medicare Part A in order to be eligible for the program. The 2002 income and resource requirement for this program are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single	\$911 per month	\$4,000
Couple	\$1,219 per month	\$6,000

Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1): This program pays for the Medicare Part B premium only. The applicant must have Medicare Part A. States are allotted money for this program on a yearly basis. The 2002 income and resource requirements for this program are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single	\$1,023 per month	\$4,000
Couple	\$1,369 per month	\$6,000

Qualified Individual-2 (QI-2): This program pays for only a portion of the Medicare Part B premium. The applicant must have Medicare Part A. In 2002 that amount is \$3.91 per month or \$46.92 per year. States are allotted money for this program by the federal government on a yearly basis. The 2002 income and resource requirements for this program are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single	\$1,320 per month	\$4,000
Couple	\$1769 per month	\$6,000

Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI): This program pays for Medicare Part A premium **only** not Part B. The applicant must be a disabled worker under age 65 who lost Part A benefits because of return to work. The 2002 income and resource requirement for this program are:

	Income Below	Resources Below
Single	\$1,505 per month	\$4,000
Couple	\$ 2,019 per month	\$6,000

Applications for all of these programs may be obtained from the Medicaid office at the local (county) department of social services. The phone number for the local department of social services may be found in the government pages of the telephone book. In New York City, the phone number for the Medicaid hotline is (718) 291-1900

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