

QMB Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries



What is QMB?

The Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries program (QMB) is a Medicaid program administered by the Oregon Department of Human Services. QMB helps people with Medicare pay for their medical care. The federal government calls this program the Medicare Savings Program.

QMB has two benefit packages:

- QMB-BAS (basic): Pays for Medicare Part B premiums, deductible and co-insurance.
- QMB-SMB and SMF (Specified Low-income Medicare Beneficiaries); Pays for Medicare Part B premiums only. QMB-SMF depends on federal funds and may not always be open to new clients.

Who is eligible for QMB?

To receive benefits from the QMB program you must be receiving Part A (hospital insurance benefits). Your resources must fall within certain limits.

The allowed resource limit, not including the home in which you or your spouse lives, a car, a burial plot and a limited burial plan, is:

- \$6,940 per individual, or
- \$10,410 per couple

The allowed income limits are listed below. DHS starts with your gross income. DHS then subtracts \$20 from your income. If you have any earned income, DHS subtracts more. Due to these deductions, you may be eligible for these programs even if your income is higher than the income limits listed.

What are the income limits?*

QMB-BAS:

100 percent of the poverty level

\$931 Single **\$1,261** Couple

QMB-SMB:

120 percent of the poverty level

\$1,117 Single **\$1,513** Couple

QMB-SMF: (QI-1)

135 percent of the poverty level

\$1,257 Single **\$1,703** Couple

**These income limits are current as of publication and subject to change without notice.*



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for all Oregonians



How to apply

This brochure does not include many specific requirements of QMB. For more information about QMB or to apply for QMB, contact the office serving seniors and people with disabilities in your area. The office will decide if you are eligible within 45 days from the date you ask for help.

www.oregon.gov/DHS/spwpd/offices.shtml

Or call:

1-800-282-8096



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