

Additional Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (ALMB, Qualified Individual QI-1)

Description:

The Additional Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary program (ALMB, QI-1), offered by the Department of Social Services, pays the Medicare Part B premium for certain low income Medicare beneficiaries. The ALMB program is available to elderly individuals and those with disabilities who receive Social Security benefits and are eligible for Medicare benefits. The program is subject to available funding.

Eligibility Requirements, Service Areas and Program Year:

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must meet income limits. Monthly gross income includes Social Security, pensions, disability benefits, wages, alimony, rental income, interest and dividends. The income limit for a single person is \$1,497.05. This amount includes one unearned income disregard of \$278, which most people receive. The income limit for a couple is \$2,196.25. This amount includes two unearned income disregards for a total of \$556. Income limits are updated every April.
- Eligibility also depends on available program funding.
- Eligibility must be determined annually.
- An individual is not eligible for this program if receiving Medicaid.

Service Areas:

Statewide

Program Year:

Income requirements are updated April 1.

Contact Information:

The local Department of Social Services' Regional Offices listed in [Appendix A](#).

Related Information:

[Medicare, refer to page IX – 9.](#)

[Social Security, refer to page VI – 7.](#)

[Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary/SLMB Program, refer to page IX – 22.](#)