
**DEPARTMENT
POLICY****MA Only**

This is an SSI-related MA category. It is neither a Group 1 nor a Group 2 MA category. MA pays only the recipient's Medicare Part A premium.

A person eligible under this category is called a Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI). A QDWI is a person who:

- Receives, or is eligible to enroll in, Medicare Part A under section 1818A of the Social Security Act, and
- Is **not** eligible for MA under any other category, and
- Meets the eligibility factors specified in this item.

All eligibility factors must be met in the calendar month being tested. BEM 546, Post-Eligibility Patient-Pay Amounts, does **not** apply.

INQUIRY

A person may wish to know whether MA will pay Medicare Part A premiums before enrolling. If the person is **not** an MA, FIP or SSI recipient, do a determination of QDWI eligibility. Advise the person whether he might be eligible. In doing this determination:

- Explain the nonfinancial eligibility factors. Assume they will be met.
- Determine financial eligibility using current information. Verification is **not** required.
- Explain that changes may affect the actual determination of eligibility. Be sure to discuss asset policies thoroughly if the person's current assets exceed the limit.

**NONFINANCIAL
ELIGIBILITY
FACTORS**

1. The person must receive or be eligible to enroll in Medicare Part A under section 1818A of the Social Security Act (Act). See "**1818A Identification**" below.

2. The MA eligibility factors in the following items must be met.

- BEM 220, Residence.
- BEM 223, Social Security Numbers.
- BEM 265, Institutional Status.

3. The person must **not** be eligible for any other MA category.

Presume a person eligible for Medicare Part A under section 1818A of the Social Security Act is **not** disabled for purposes of BEM 260 unless the person reports a change and claims he is again unable to perform a substantial gainful activity.

1818A Identification

BAM 810 describes eligibility factors for Medicare Part A under section 1818A of the Act. The Social Security Administration is responsible for determining eligibility for Medicare and authorizing Medicare coverage.

Assume a person who is eligible for Medicare Part A is eligible under section 1818A if he is:

- Under age 65, and
- Charged a premium for his Medicare Part A, Hospital Insurance.

BENDEX, Wire Third Party and TPQY indicate whether a Medicare Part A, Hospital Insurance, premium is being charged.

Other sources of identification include correspondence from, or contact with, the Social Security Administration.

FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY FACTORS

Groups

Use fiscal and asset group policies for SSI-related groups in BEM 211.

Assets

Countable assets **cannot** exceed the asset limit in BEM 400. Countable assets are determined based on the MA policies in BEM 400 and 401.

Divestment

Do **not** apply policy in BEM 405.

Income Eligibility

Income eligibility exists when net income does **not** exceed the income limit in RFT 246. Income eligibility **cannot** be established with a patient-pay amount or by spending-down.

Apply the MA policies in BEM 500, 530, 540 (for children) and 541 (for adults) to determine net income.

COVERAGE

The only MA benefit is payment of Medicare Part A premiums. The mi health card, is **not** issued.

Note: An ex parte review (see glossary) is required before Medicaid closures when there is an actual or anticipated change, unless the change would result in closure due to ineligibility for all Medicaid. When possible, an ex parte review should begin at least 90 days before the anticipated change is expected to result in case closure. The review includes consideration of all MA categories. See BAM 115 and 220.

**VERIFICATION
REQUIREMENTS**

Verification requirements for all eligibility factors are in the appropriate manual items.

Verification of Medicare Part A eligibility and premium is required.

The following are accepted as verification of Medicare Part A or Hospital Insurance premiums being charged:

- SOLQ.
- Correspondence from SSA.
- Contact with SSA.

LEGAL BASE

MA

Social Security Act, Sections 1902(a)(10)(E), 1905(p)(3), 1905(s)