

Medicare Improvements for Patients and Provider's Act (MIPPA)

Fact Sheet-2010- 2011

- ❖ MIPPA programs includes the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) benefit which provides eligible Medicare beneficiaries with generous discounts for Medicare Part D plan premiums and prescription co-pays, as well as the elimination of Medicare Part D plans' deductibles and/or "donut hole" (coverage gap) phases.

2010 Fully- eligible beneficiaries- LIS income guidelines:

<u>Individual (I)</u>	<u>Couple (C)</u>
\$16,245.00/year	\$21,855.00/year

***The above income guidelines may increase with publication of the 2011 poverty levels in February of 2011 and this document will be updated and re-sent at that time.

<u>2011 resource guidelines:</u> Full LIS \$8,180 (I)	\$13,020 (C)
Partial LIS \$12,640 (I)	\$25,260 (C)

These resource limits include \$1,500 for burial expenses.

- ❖ MIPPA also includes the Medicare Premium Program (MPP) which assists eligible Medicare beneficiaries with payment of the monthly premium for Medicare Part B through the Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) program or the QI-1 program.

<u>SLMB monthly income guidelines:</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
	\$1,103.00 (I)	\$1,477.00 (C)

<u>QI-1 monthly income guidelines:</u>	\$1,239.00 (I)	\$1,660.00 (C)
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<u>Resource guidelines:</u>	\$4,000 (I)	\$6,000 (C)
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The above figures include the \$20.00 income disregard. The guidelines for these programs typically increase on April 1st of each year.

- ❖ In certain circumstances, for extremely low-income Medicare beneficiaries, the MPP will also assist eligible Medicare beneficiaries with payment of the Medicare Part B premium, as well as co-payments and deductibles for health care services through the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) program.

<u>QMB monthly income guidelines:</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
	\$923.00 (I)	\$1,235.00 (C)

<u>QMB resource guidelines:</u>	\$4,000 (I)	\$6,000 (C)
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