



Minnesota Department of Human Services

*Minnesota Health Care Programs***Medical Assistance for
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries***This information is effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009*

The Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) Program pays you:

- Medicare Part A premiums
- Medicare Part B premiums
- Medicare deductibles
- Medicare co-insurance and copayments.

Can I get QMB benefits?

You may get QMB benefits if:

- Your assets are within the QMB asset limits
- Your income meets QMB income guidelines
- You are willing to assign any medical insurance benefit rights to the Minnesota Department of Human Services and
- You are enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B.

How do I apply for QMB?

Call, write or go to the county human services agency in the county where you live and ask to apply for QMB.

Medicare Part A enrollment

If you are enrolled in Medicare Part B, you will also be enrolled in Medicare Part A by applying for QMB if you:

- Are within three months of your 65th birthday
- Are less than 65 years of age and have received a Social Security disability check for the last 24 months or
- Need kidney dialysis or kidney replacement.

If you are over 65 and are not enrolled in Medicare Part A or Part B, contact your Social Security office to find out how you can apply.

What are the QMB income limits?

If your income is less than the amounts listed below, you may be eligible for QMB.

QMB Gross* Income Limits*July 1, 2008– June 30, 2009*

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	\$ 887
2	1,187
3	1,487
4	1,787
5	2,087

*Social Security gross income is your benefit before premiums or other amounts are deducted.

What are the QMB asset limits?

Assets are what you own, such as cash, savings accounts, and real estate where you do not live. A person living alone may own \$10,000 in assets. A married couple or family may own \$18,000 in assets.

Some assets that do not count are:

- Your home
- A mobile home used as your primary home
- A prepaid burial fund up to \$1,500
- Burial space items
- One motor vehicle under certain conditions.

Other income and asset guidelines

If you live with your spouse, your spouse's income and assets also count, even if your spouse does not want to apply for QMB.

If you are under age 21 and living with your parents, your parents' income and assets also count, even if your parents do not want to apply for QMB.

If you have a disability and are between the ages of 18 and 21, your parents' income and assets do not count.

If you are someone's stepchild, the income and assets of your stepparents do not count. The income and assets of a child do not count when deciding the eligibility of the child's parents or brothers and sisters.

For more information

The information above can help you decide if you wish to apply for QMB. **It does not cover all of the program rules.** Your county agency will need all the facts to determine if you are eligible.

You should apply for QMB as soon as possible. If you are eligible, your QMB benefits will begin the month after your eligibility is approved.

For more information, **contact your county human services agency or call the Linkage Line at (800) 333-2433.** You can also check out the Web site: www.dhs.state.mn.us/healthcare.

This information is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling your agency at (651) 431-2670 or (800) 657-3739. TTY users can call through Minnesota Relay at (800) 627-3529. For Speech-to-Speech, call (877) 627-3848. For additional assistance with legal rights and protections for equal access to human services benefits, contact your agency's ADA coordinator.

Attention. If you want free help translating this information, ask your worker or call the number below for your language.

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Pažnja. Ako vam je potrebna besplatna pomoć za prevod ove informacije, pitajte vašeg radnika ili nazovite 1-888-234-3785.

Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, nug koj tus neeg lis dej num (worker) lossis hu 1-888-486-8377.

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Hubaddhu. Yoo akka odeeffannoon kun sii hiikamu gargaarsa tolaa feeta ta'e, hojjataa kee gaafaddhu ykn lakkoofsa kana bilbili 1-888-234-3798.

Внимание: если вам нужна бесплатная помощь в переводе этой информации, обратитесь к своему социальному работнику или позвоните по следующему телефону: 1-888-562-5877.

Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la'aan ah, weydii hawl-wadeenkaaga ama wac lambarkan 1-888-547-8829.

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