

Counselor Job Aid Pennsylvania Income Reference Guide January 2025



Program	Income	Resources	Eligibility Requirements	How It Helps
PACE Single Married	Less than \$1,208 (\$14,500/yr) \$1,475 (\$17,700/yr)	N/A	Age 65 or older Not enrolled in Medicaid PA resident for at least 90 days Looks at prior year's income Part B premium excluded	Beneficiary pays no more than \$6 generic/\$9 brand for prescriptions Help towards Part C/D premium One time SEP per year Help with Part D penalty
PACENET Single Married	Less than \$2,792 (\$33,500/yr) \$3,458 (\$41,500/yr)	N/A	<i>How to apply:</i> https://pacecares.primetherapeutics. com 1-800-225-7223	Beneficiary pays no more than \$8 generic/\$15 brand for prescriptions One time SEP per year Help with Part D penalty
LIS/Extra Help Single Married	Less than 150% FPL + \$20* \$1,976 (\$23,715/yr) \$2,664 (\$31,965/yr)	Less than \$17,600** \$35,130**	Must be enrolled in or eligible for Medicare Part D <i>How to apply</i> : https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescr iptionhelp/ Social Security: 1-800-772-1213 The Clearinghouse: 800-955-0989	Full Extra Help with QMB Plus \$1.60/generic or \$4.80/brandFull Extra Help – Non QMB Plus \$4.90/generic or \$12.15/brand*\$0 copay for people receiving Medicaid Long Term Care Services.Help towards Part C/D premiumCan drop Advantage Plan or change drug plan monthly using SEPEliminates Part D penalty

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MSP/Medicaid <i>QI-1</i>	Less than 135% FPL + \$20*	Less than	Enrolled in Medicare Will automatically receive LIS Can have PACE/PACENET	Pays Medicare Part B premium Retroactive benefits up to 3 months
(a.k.a. Buy-In) Single Married	\$1,781 (\$21,368/yr) \$2,399 (\$28,793/yr)	\$9,660 \$14,470	<i>How to apply:</i> www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M The Clearinghouse: 800-955-0989	Congress votes on whether reauthorize each year Eliminates Part B penalty
SLMB (a.k.a. Buy-In)	Less than 120% FPL + \$20*	Less than	Enrolled in Medicare Will automatically receive LIS Can have PACE/PACENET	Pays Medicare Part B premium Retroactive benefits up to 3 months
Single Married	\$1,585 (\$19,020/yr) \$2,135 (\$25,620/yr)	\$9,660 \$14,470	<i>How to apply:</i> www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M The Clearinghouse: 800-955-0989	Eliminates Part B penalty
QMB (a.k.a. Healthy Horizons)	Less than 100% FPL + \$20*	Less than	Enrolled in Medicare Will automatically receive LIS Can have PACE/PACENET	Pays Medicare Part A/B premiums Pays Medicare deductibles and co- insurances
Single Married	\$1,324 (\$15,890/yr) \$1,783 (\$21,390/yr)	\$9,660 \$14,470	<i>How to apply:</i> www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M The Clearinghouse: 800-955-0989	No Rx, vision, dental coverage Eliminates Part A/B penalties
QMB Plus (a.k.a. Healthy Horizons)	Less than 100% FPL + \$20* \$1,324 (\$15,890/yr)	Less than \$2,000	Enrolled in Medicare Will automatically receive LIS <i>Cannot</i> have PACE/PACENET	Pays for full Medicaid benefits Pays Medicare Part A/B premiums Pays Medicare deductibles and co- insurances
Single Married	\$1,783 (\$21,390/yr)	\$3,000	<i>How to apply:</i> www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M The Clearinghouse: 800-955-0989	Limited Rx, vision, dental Eliminates Part A/B penalties Full Dual Eligible Will be enrolled in Community Health Choices with one of three Managed Care Organizations.

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Medical Assistance for Workers with Disabilities (MAWD)	Less than 250% FPL FPL + \$20* \$3,280 (\$39,365/yr) \$4,426 (\$53,115/yr) *Those on MAWD for 12+ months may qualify for Workers with Job Success (WJS) if their income goes above the MAWD limit.	Less than \$10,000 for single and married	Ages 16-64 Meet SSA's definition of disabled Be working and earning income How to Apply: PA 600WD www.compass.state.pa.us The Clearinghouse: 800-955-0989	Pay 5% of income to receive Medical Assistance - pays Medicare deductibles and co-insurances Receives Extra Help automatically Enrolled in Community Health Choices Must qualify at SLMB level or below for Part B to be paid for.

Deductions:

*Includes \$20 = Amount of the Monthly Unearned Income Disregard; Income rounded to the nearest whole dollar **Includes \$1,500 /person burial allowance

Earned Income (wages) deduction for Extra Help & MSP:

Subtract \$65 from gross monthly wages. Divide that amount by two. Result is countable income.

Program Eligibility: What's Counted?

Income				
 Examples of income counted when determining eligibility include: Wages (certain deductions are allowed) Interest Dividends Social Security Veterans' Benefits Pensions Spouse's income if living with him/her 	 Examples of income not counted include: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) benefits Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) benefits Foster Care payments Certain housing or utility subsidies Weatherization Payments 			
Resources Examples of resources counted when determining eligibility include: • Cash • Checking accounts • Savings accounts and certificates • Christmas or vacation clubs • Stocks and bonds • Some trust funds • Life insurance • Vehicles • Revocable burial funds • Non-resident property	 Examples of resources not counted: Your home Revocable and irrevocable burial reserves subject to specified limits Burial space and marker One motor vehicle 			

PACE/PACENET Income Levels Source: https://www.pa.gov/services/aging/apply-for-the-pharmaceutical-assistance-contract-for-the-elderly.html

LIS Resource Limits: <u>https://www.cms.gov/files/document/lis-memo.pdf</u>

MSP Resource Limits: <u>https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/cib11152024.pdf</u>

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