

# Counselor Job Aid Pennsylvania Income Reference Guide January 2024



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	How to apply: https://pacecares.magellanhealth.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* \$1,903 (\$22,830/yr) \$2,575 (\$30,900/yr)	\$17,220** \$34,360**	Must be enrolled in or eligible for Medicare Part D  How to apply: https://www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare/prescr iptionhelp/  Social Security: 1-800-772-1213  BDT: 1-800-866-1807	Full Extra Help with QMB Plus \$1.55/generic or \$ 4.60/brand  Full Extra Help — Non QMB Plus \$4.50/generic or \$ 11.20/brand  *\$0 copay for people receiving Medicaid Long Term Care Services.  Help towards Part C/D premium  Can change Part C/Part D plans quarterly from January through September  Eliminates Part D penalty

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MSP/Medicaid  QI-1	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	\$1,714 (\$20,571/yr) \$2,320 (\$27,834/yr)	\$9,430 \$14,130	How to apply: www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M BDT - 1-800-866-1807	Congress votes on whether reauthorize each year Eliminates Part B LEP
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	\$1,526 (\$18,312/yr) \$2,064 (\$24,768/yr)	\$9,430 \$14,130	How to apply: www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M BDT - 1-800-866-1807	Eliminates Part B LEP
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	\$1,275 (\$15,300/yr) \$1,723 (\$20,680/yr)	\$9,430 \$14,130	How to apply: www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M BDT - 1-800-866-1807	No Rx, vision, dental coverage  Eliminates Part A/B LEP
QMB Plus (a.k.a. Healthy Horizons)	Less than 100% FPL + \$20*	Less than	Enrolled in Medicare Will automatically receive LIS Cannot have PACE/PACENET	Pays for full Medicaid benefits Pays Medicare Part A/B premiums Pays Medicare deductibles and co-
Single Married	\$1,275 (\$15,300/yr) \$1,723 (\$20,680/yr)	\$2,000 \$3,000	How to apply: www.compass.state.pa.us PA 600M BDT - 1-800-866-1807	insurances Limited Rx, vision, dental  Eliminates Part A/B LEP  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  \$3,138 (\$37,650/yr)  \$4,258 (\$51,100/yr)  *Those on MAWD for 12+ months may qualify for Workers with Job Success (WJS) if their income goes above the MAWD limit.	\$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 BDT – 1-800-866-1807	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:**

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

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

#### **Potential Income:**

To be eligible for MSP/Medicaid, an applicant/recipient must apply for any potential source of income available to him or her, including Social Security benefits.

The only exception is when an individual age 62 or older is working an average of 30 hours or more per week and has not reached their full retirement age. County Assistance will grant the individual good cause from applying for early Social Security retirement benefits.

<sup>\*</sup>Includes \$20 = Amount of the Monthly Unearned Income Disregard; Income rounded to the nearest whole dollar

<sup>\*\*</sup>Includes \$1,500 /person burial allowance

## **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://pacecares.magellanhealth.com/

LIS Income and Resource Levels Source: <a href="https://www.ncoa.org/wp-content/uploads/part-d-lis-eligibility-and-benefits-chart.pdf">https://www.ncoa.org/wp-content/uploads/part-d-lis-eligibility-and-benefits-chart.pdf</a>

MSP/Medicaid Income and Resource Levels Source: <a href="https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/eligibility/seniors-medicare-and-medicaid-enrollees/index.html">https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/eligibility/seniors-medicare-and-medicaid-enrollees/index.html</a>

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