

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Applications for the Medicare Savings Programs and Resource Documentation Requirements

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This message is to clarify the Medicaid application form(s) that can be used for the different Medicare Savings Programs and the corresponding resource documentation requirements. This information supersedes the information contained in 05 INF-02, "Questions and Answers: Resource Attestation."

To qualify for the Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs), applicants must be income eligible and may be required to pass a resource test at twice the SSI resource level, or \$4,000 for single individuals and \$6,000 for couples.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs) must have income at or below 100% of the FPL and resources as noted above. Applicants may apply using the LDSS-2921, "Application for Temporary Assistance (TA) - Medical Assistance (MA) - Medicare Savings Program (MSP) - Food Stamps Benefits (FS) - Services (S), including Foster Care (FC) - Child Care Assistance (CC)" or the DOH-4220, "Access New York Application." The applicant, using either application, is required to attest to the amount of his/her resources but does not need to provide proof.

Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLIMBs) must have income over 100% but below 120% of the FPL and resources as noted above. Applicants should apply using the DSS-4592, "Medicare Savings Program Application", but may use the DSS-2921 or DOH-4220. The applicant is required to attest to the amount of his/her resources but does not need to provide proof.

Qualified Individuals (QIs) must have income at or over 120% but below 135% of the FPL. Applicants should apply using the DSS-4592. There is no resource test.

Districts are reminded that eligibility for the MSPs must be determined even if an applicant does not indicate that he or she is applying for the MSP on the LDSS-2921 or the DOH-4220. The DOH-4220 will be revised at a future reprinting of the form to allow individuals to indicate that they are applying for the Medicare Savings Program only, if applicable.