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This is an amendment to 8.250.400 NMAC, Sections 8, 9, 10 and 13, effective 1/1/2022.

**8.250.400.8** MISSION: [To reduce the impact of poverty on people living in New Mexico by providing support services that help families break the cycle of dependency on public assistance.] To transform lives. Working with our partners, we design and deliver innovative, high quality health and human services that improve the security and promote independence for New Mexicans in their communities.

[8.250.400.8 NMAC - Rp, 8.250.400.8 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]

**8.250.400.9 QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS 1 (QIIs) - CATEGORY 042:** Medical assistance division (MAD) pays the monthly medicare Part B insurance premium for eligible recipients with income between [120] one hundred and twenty percent and [135] one hundred and thirty-five percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) who are not otherwise eligible for another medical assistance program category of eligibility (QIIs). A QII recipient must be covered by medicare Part A. The Part A insurance is a free entitlement to social security beneficiaries who are 65 years of age or older or who have received social security disability payments for 24 months. Fully or currently insured workers, or their dependents, with end-stage renal disease are also covered under medicare. Eligible recipients will be served on a first come, first served basis, contingent upon availability of federal funds. Eligibility will be offered to individuals on a yearly basis. After 1998, eligible recipients currently enrolled in the program will get the first opportunity to continue to receive benefits under this program. [8.250.400.9 NMAC - Rp, 8.250.400.9 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]

**8.250.400.10 BASIS FOR DEFINING THE GROUP:** QI1s are individuals who would be qualified medicare beneficiaries (QMB) but for the fact that their income exceeds the income levels established for QMB and specified low income medicare beneficiaries (SLIMB). Income eligibility for the QI1s is at least [420] one hundred and twenty percent of the FPL, but less than [435] one hundred thirty-five percent. The state of New Mexico (the state) will permit all individuals to apply for assistance during a calendar year beginning 1998. However, because of the capped allotments, the state shall limit the number of participants in QI1s selected in a calendar year so that the aggregate amount of benefits provided to such individuals in the calendar year is estimated not to exceed the state's allocation for the fiscal year ending in that calendar year. The state shall select QI1s on a first-come, first-served basis (in the order in which they apply). For calendar years after 1998, the state shall give preference to individuals who were QI1s, QMBs, SLIMBs, or qualified disabled working individuals (QDWI) in the last month of the previous year and who continue to be or become QI1s.

[8.250.400.10 NMAC - Rp, 8.250.400.10 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]

## 8.250.400.13 CITIZENSHIP:

- **A.** Undocumented [aliens] non-citizens cannot purchase medicare coverage and, therefore, are not eligible for QI1 benefits. To be eligible for QI1 an applicant or re-determining recipient must be one of the following:
  - (1) a citizen of the United States; or
- (2) [an alien] a non-citizen who entered the United States prior to August 22, 1996, as one of the classes of [aliens] non-citizens described in 8.200.410 NMAC or [an alien] a non-citizen who entered the United States as a qualified [alien] non-citizen on or after August 22, 1996, and who has met the five year bar listed in 8.200.410 NMAC.
- **B.** Verification of citizenship: Individuals entitled to or receiving medicare already meet citizenship and identity requirements.

[8.250.400.13 NMAC - Rp, 8.250.400.13 NMAC, 1/1/2014; A, 1/1/2022]

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