

# How do I apply for a Medicare Savings Plan?

You can apply at your local Department of Children and Family Services (DCF) office. You can also apply at your local Aging Resource Center (ARC). To find the ARC, call the Elder Helpline at 1-800-963-5337. You may also visit DCF online to obtain a Medicare/Medicaid Buy In application at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/programs/access/medicaid.shtml> , then mail or fax your application to DCF. Once you apply you should get a decision within 45 days of the date of your application. If you do not, contact your local legal aid/legal services for help.



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## What is a Medicare Savings Plan?

There are currently three Medicare Savings Plans offered and they are:

- 1. Qualifying Individuals 1 (QI- 1) Program**
- 2. Special Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) Program**
- 3. Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Program**



## What can a Medicare Savings Plan do for me?

Medicare Savings Programs cover Medicare cost-sharing requirements for certain low income Medicare beneficiaries. This includes:

- ✓ Medicare monthly premiums for Parts A & B
- ✓ Medicare deductibles (just for QMB's)
- ✓ Medicare co-insurance (just for QMB's)



**If you are determined eligible for any of the Medicare Savings Plans in this brochure, you are automatically eligible for the Medicare Part D low income subsidy.**

## Am I eligible for a Medicare Savings Plan?

To qualify you must:

- ❖ Be enrolled in Medicare Part A
- ❖ Be a Florida resident
- ❖ Be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen
- ❖ Have monthly income of \$1,226 or less for an individual; \$1,665 for a couple\*
- ❖ Have assets of \$6,680 or less for an individual and \$10,020 or less for a couple\*\*

\*If your income includes Social Security, or other unearned income, the state will not count up to \$20 of additional income when determining your eligibility. These amounts increase each year.

\*\*Asset limits exclude your home, car & burial fund