

**9.12 QUALIFIED MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (QMB), SPECIFIED LOW-INCOME MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES (SLIMB), and QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS (QI-1)****A. THE ASSISTANCE GROUP (AG)**

**NOTE:** Both members of a couple must receive the same level of coverage, QMB, SLIMB or QI-1.

**1. Who Must Be Included**

The individual or couple, eligible for QMB, SLIMB or QI-1 must be included in the AG.

**2. Who Cannot Be Included**

Only the individual or couple who is eligible for QMB, SLIMB or QI-1 is included in the AG.

**B. THE INCOME GROUP (IG)****1. Eligible Individual With No Spouse**

Count only the individual's income.

**2. Eligible Couple - No Medicaid Long Term Care Services**

Count the couple's income.

**3. Eligible Individual With Ineligible Spouse - No Medicaid Long Term Care Services**

Consider the income of the ineligible spouse to determine if it must be deemed. See Chapter 10 for how to determine if the spouse's income is deemed.

**4. Eligible Individual - One Or Both Members Of A Couple Receives Medicaid Long Term Care Services In A Nursing Home, ICF/MR Or A Community-Based Waiver**

Count only the **individual's** income.

**C. THE NEEDS GROUP (NG)****1. Individual With No Spouse**

The income limit for a single individual is used.

2. Eligible Couple - **No Medicaid Long Term Care Services**

The income limit for a couple is used.

3. Eligible Individual With Ineligible Spouse, No Income Deemed - **No Medicaid Long Term Care Services**

The income limit for a single individual is used.

4. Eligible Individual With Ineligible Spouse, Income Deemed - **No Medicaid Long Term Care Services**

The income limit for a couple is used.

5. Eligible Individual - **One Or Both Members Of A Couple Receives Medicaid Long Term Care Services In A Nursing Home, ICF/MR Or A Community-Based Waiver**

The income limit for a single individual is used.