

CMS Releases 2026 SSI, Spousal Impoverishment, and Medicare Savings Program Resource Standards

On December 9, 2025, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' Center for Medicaid & CHIP Services (CMCS) released an [informational bulletin](#) announcing the 2026 Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Spousal Impoverishment Standards and the 2026 resource standards for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) groups.

2026 SSI and Spousal Impoverishment Standards

Each year, CMCS adjusts certain Medicaid income and resource standards in accordance with changes to the SSI federal benefit rate and the Consumer Price Index. The [CMCS Informational Bulletin](#) includes the *2026 SSI and Spousal Impoverishment Standards* chart that show the new standards, which are also available on [Medicaid.gov](#).

States must update their own Medicaid income and resource standards in accordance with these CMCS adjustments that become effective on January 1, 2026.

2026 Resource Standards for MSP Groups

The MSP groups resource standard is based on the SSI resource standard. The resource standards for single and married Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMBs), and Qualified Individuals (QIs) will be \$9,950 and \$14,910, respectively, effective on January 1, 2026. The resource standard for the Qualified Disabled and Working Individual (QDWI) group remains unchanged at \$4,000 for a single individual and \$6,000 for a married individual.

For more details on the updated standards, see the [CMCS Informational Bulletin](#).

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