

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM

On January 8th, the legislature voted to restore funding for the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) through June 30th, 2018. Thanks to the many of you who reached out about the negative impact that reducing funding would have, we were able to vote almost unanimously to restore \$54 million to the over 113,000 seniors and disabled individuals in this program. However, this decision only funds the program through June 30th and in order to restore the program for next year, we would require an estimated \$130 million. I am proud to have been at the forefront of the fight for vital services but remain realistic; Connecticut needs to look at additional revenue sources to fund these programs.

The chart on the opposite side of this mailer outlines the difference between what the eligibility levels are now, through June 30th vs. the changes beginning July 1st if we cannot fund the program. I am committed to advocating for you, but the recent changes will be rolled back without your voice. I am asking my constituents to consider which revenue sources they would support in order to keep this – and other programs – funded. Please call my office at (860) 240-0493 or email me at Catherine.Abercrombie@cga.ct.gov

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		Eligibility Levels NOW To June 30th		Eligibility Levels In The October 2017 Budget	
		Income Limit (%FPL)	Annual Income Limit* (Individual)	Income Limit (%FPL)	Annual Income Limit* (Individual)
MSP Program Tier	Cost-Sharing Payments Covered				
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Program (QMB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Part B Premium • All Medicare Deductibles • Co-Insurance 	Less Than 211%	\$25,447	Less Than 100%	\$12,060
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Program (SLMB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Part B Premium 	211% - 231%	\$27,859	100% To 120%	\$14,472
Qualified Individual (QI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medicare Part B Premium 	231% - 246%	\$29,668	120% To 135%	\$16,281

*Income limits calculations are based on 2017 federal poverty level (FPL) values. FPL values change annually
The eligibility levels that were in the budget bill still go into effect on July 1.