

2147 – QUALIFIED DISABLED WORKING INDIVIDUALS

POLICY STATEMENT	Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) is a class of assistance (COA) that provides payment of the monthly Part A Medicare premium for disabled working individuals.
BASIC CONSIDERATIONS	<p>To be eligible for QDWI coverage, an A/R must meet the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The A/R is under the age of 65.• The A/R is entitled to but not receiving RSDI disability benefit because s/he has earnings that exceed the substantial gainful activity (SGA) limits.• The A/R is eligible for Part A Medicare coverage with a monthly premium.• The A/R meets all basic and financial eligibility criteria. <p>NOTE: Length of Stay (LOS), Level of Care (LOC) and TPR assignment are not requirements of this COA.</p> <p>In-kind support and maintenance (ISM) is not considered in determining QDWI eligibility.</p> <p>The only coverage this COA provides is payment of the monthly Part A Medicare premium by Medicaid. No other medical expenses incurred by the QDWI recipient is paid by Medicaid.</p> <p>A Medicaid card is not issued to QDWI recipients and Form 962 and 964 are not issued to the recipient or providers.</p> <p>QDWI eligibility cannot begin prior to the A/R's eligibility for Part A Medicare.</p>

PROCEDURES

Follow the steps below to determine QDWI eligibility.

Step 1 Accept the A/R's Medicaid application.

Step 2 Conduct a face-to-face interview.

Step 3 Determine that the A/R is ineligible for full Medicaid coverage under all other COAs.

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Step 4 Verify the following using the letter issued to the A/R by SSA:

- The termination of the A/R's RSDI disability payment due to excessive earned income.
- The A/R's eligibility for Part A Medicare coverage with a monthly premium.

Step 5 Determine all basic eligibility criteria except LOS, LOC and TPR. Refer to Chapter 2200, Basic Eligibility Criteria.

Step 6 Determine financial eligibility using the current QDWI income and resource limits. Refer to Chapter 2500, ABD Financial Responsibility and Budgeting to determine the following:

- whose income and resources to consider
- which SSI income and resource limit (individual or couple) to use
- which eligibility budget to complete.

Step 7 Approve on the system using the appropriate COA if the A/R meets all the above eligibility criteria, including retroactive months if needed.