

(5) The same section 301, as amended by section 608(d)(14)(H) of the Family Support Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-485), further amended section 1843 of the Act, beginning January 1, 1989, to establish a new buy-in category consisting of Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries and to provide that a State may request a buy-in agreement if it does not already have one, or request a broader buy-in group for the existing agreement.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this section, unless the context indicates otherwise—

Cash assistance means any of the following kinds of monthly cash benefits, authorized by specified titles of the Act and, for convenience, represented by initials, as follows:

AABD stands for aid to the aged, blind or disabled under the first title XVI of the Act in effect until December 31, 1973.

AB stands for aid to the blind under title X of the Act.

AFDC stands for aid to families with dependent children under Part A of title IV of the Act.

APTD stands for aid to the permanently and totally disabled under title XIV of the Act.

OAA stands for old-age assistance under title I of the Act.

SSI stands for supplemental security income for the aged, blind, and disabled under the second title XVI of the Act, effective January 1, 1974.

SSP stands for State supplementary payments, whether mandatory or optional, to an aged, blind, or disabled individual under the second title XVI of the Act.

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary or *QMB* means an individual who meets the definition in § 400.200 of this chapter and, therefore, is eligible to have the State Medicaid agency pay Medicare cost sharing amounts on his or her behalf.

Railroad retirement beneficiary means an individual entitled to receive an annuity under the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974.

State means one of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, or the Northern Mariana Islands, except when reference is made to "the 50 States".

State buy-in agreement or *buy-in agreement* means an agreement authorized by section 1843 of the Act, under which a State secures SMI or premium HI coverage for individuals who are members of the buy-in group specified in the agreement, by enrolling them and paying the premiums on their behalf.

(c) *Basic rules.*

(1) A State that has a buy-in agreement in effect must enroll any individual who is eligible to enroll in SMI under § 407.10.

(2) Any State that does not have a buy-in agreement in effect may request buy-in for any one of the groups specified in §§ 407.42 and 407.43.

(3) Any State that does have an agreement may request a modification to cover a broader buy-in group or cancel its current agreement and request a new agreement to cover a narrower group.

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§ 407.42 Buy-in groups available to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands.

(a) *Categories included in the buy-in groups.* The buy-in groups that are available to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands are specified in paragraph (b) of this section in terms of the following categories:

(1) *Category A:* Individuals who—

(i) Receive SSI or SSP or both; and

(ii) Are covered under the State's Medicaid plan as categorically needy.

(2) *Category B:* Individuals who—

(i) Under the Act or any other provision of Federal law are treated, for Medicaid eligibility purposes, as though they were receiving SSI or SSP; and

(ii) Are covered under the State's Medicaid plan as categorically needy.

(3) *Category C:* Individuals who are receiving AFDC.

(4) *Category D:* Individuals who, under the Act or any other provision of Federal law, are treated, for Medicaid eligibility purposes, as though they were receiving AFDC.

(5) *Category E:* Individuals who, in accordance with § 435.114 or § 435.134 of this chapter, are covered under the

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State's Medicaid plan despite the increase in social security benefits provided by Public Law 92-336.

(6) *Category F*: Individuals who are Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries.¹

(7) *Category G*: All other individuals who are eligible for Medicaid.

(b) *Buy-in groups available*. Any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Northern Mariana Islands may buy-in for one of the following groups:

(1) *Group 1*: Categories A through G.

(2) *Group 2*: Categories A through F.

(3) *Group 3*: Categories A through E.

(4) *Group 4*: Categories A, B, and F, individuals in categories C and D who are not social security or railroad retirement beneficiaries, and individuals in category E who are included in that category (in accordance with §435.134 of this chapter) because they received OAA, AB, APTD, or AABD in August 1972 or would have been eligible to receive such cash assistance for that month if they had applied or had not been institutionalized.

(5) *Group 5*: Categories A and B, individuals in categories C and D who are not social security or railroad retirement beneficiaries, and individuals in category E who are included in that category (in accordance with §435.134 of this chapter) because they received OAA, AB, APTD, or AABD in August 1972 or would have been eligible to receive such cash assistance for that month if they had applied or had not been institutionalized.

(6) *Group 6*: Categories A, B, and F, and individuals in category E who are included in that category (in accordance with §435.134 of this chapter) because they received AABD in August 1972 or would have been eligible to receive AABD for that month if they had applied or had not been institutionalized. This option is available only to those States that had an AABD program as of December 31, 1973.

(7) *Group 7*: Categories A and B, and individuals in category E who are included in that category (in accordance with §435.134 of this chapter) because they received AABD in August 1972 or would have been eligible to receive

AABD for that month if they had applied or had not been institutionalized. This option is available only to those States that had an AABD program as of December 31, 1973.

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§ 407.43 Buy-in groups available to Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

(a) *Categories included in buy-in groups*. The buy-in groups that are available to Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa, which are not covered by the SSI program, are described in paragraph (b) of this section in terms of the following categories:

(1) *Category A*: Individuals receiving OAA, AB, APTD, or AFDC.

(2) *Category B*: Individuals who, under the Act or any other provision of Federal law, are treated, for Medicaid eligibility purposes, as though they were receiving AFDC.

(3) *Category C*: Individuals who, in accordance with §436.112 of this chapter, are covered under the State's Medicaid plan despite the increase in social security benefits provided by Public Law 92-336.

(4) *Category D*: Individuals who are Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries.¹

(5) *Category E*: All other individuals who are eligible for Medicaid.

(b) *Buy-in groups available*. Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa may choose any of the following coverage groups:

(1) *Group 1*: Categories A through E.

(2) *Group 2*: Categories A through D.

(3) *Group 3*: Categories A through C.

(4) *Group 4*: Individuals in category D, and individuals in categories A and B who are not social security or railroad retirement beneficiaries.

(5) *Group 5*: Individuals in categories A and B who are not social security or railroad retirement beneficiaries.

(6) *Group 6*: Individuals in category D, individuals in category A who are receiving OAA, and individuals in category C who are included in that category (in accordance with §436.112 of this chapter) because they received

¹Rules for buy-in for premium hospital insurance for QMBs are set forth in §406.26 of this chapter.

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