

HI 03030.025 Resource Limits for Subsidy Eligibility

Citations:

Soc. Sec. Act, §1860D-14

A. Background

To be eligible for a subsidy, an individual or couple must have countable resources below certain limits prescribed by the law that are adjusted annually based on changes in the consumer price index.

B. Policy - 2009 resource limits for subsidy eligibility

1. Individual

The two resource limits for an individual in 2009 are \$6,600 and \$11,010.

a. Countable resources more than \$11,010

If countable resources are more than \$11,010, the individual is not eligible for any subsidy but still can enroll in Part D.

b. Countable resources are \$6,600 or less

If countable resources are \$6,600 or less, the individual can be eligible for a subsidy depending on the amount of countable income.

c. Countable resources are greater than \$6,600 but do not exceed \$11,010

If countable resources are greater than \$6,600 but do not exceed \$11,010, the individual can be eligible for a subsidy depending on countable income. If his or her income is less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), he or she will:

- receive a 100% premium subsidy; and
- be eligible for less help with co-pays and deductibles than an individual with \$6,600 or less in countable resources as explained in Description of the Medicare Prescription Drug Program ([HI 03001.001E](#)).

NOTE: When determining eligibility for the subsidy, if the individual alleges that he or she expects to use some of his or her resources for funeral or burial expenses, \$1,500 is excluded from that individual's countable resources (\$3000 for a married couple), see [HI 03030.020B.3](#). "Resource Exclusions".

d. Table: 2009 resource limits for individuals

Individual's Countable Resources	Individual's Countable Income	Amount of the Premium Subsidy
\$6,600 or less	At or below 135% FPL	100%
\$6,600.01 to \$11,010	At or below 135% FPL	100% but less help with co-pays/deductibles
\$11,010 or less	More than 135% of FPL, but at or below 140%	75%
\$11,010 or less	More than 140% of FPL but at or below 145%	50%
\$11,010 or less	More than 145% of FPL but less than 150%	25%
More than \$11,010	Any amount	Not eligible for subsidy

2. Married couple

The two resource limits for a married couple in 2009 are \$9,910 and \$22,010. The couple resource limits apply to a married couple who live together whether one or both members of the couple apply for the subsidy.

a. Countable resources more than \$22,010

If countable resources are more than \$22,010, the couple is not eligible for any subsidy regardless of countable income, but still may enroll in Part D.

b. Countable resources are \$9,910 or less

If countable resources are \$9,910 or less, the couple can be eligible for a subsidy depending on the amount of countable income.

c. Countable resources are greater than \$9,910 but do not exceed \$22,010

If countable resources are greater than \$9,910 but do not exceed \$22,010, the couple can be eligible for a subsidy depending on countable income. If their income is less than 135% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), the individual or couple will:

- receive a 100% premium subsidy; and

- be eligible for less help with co-pays and deductibles than the couple who has \$9,910 or less in countable resources as explained in [HI 03001.001E](#).

d. Table: 2009 resource limits for married couples

Couple's Countable Resources	Couple's Countable Income	Amount of the Premium Subsidy
\$9,910 or less	At or below 135% FPL	100%
\$9,910.01 to \$22,010	At or below 135% FPL	100% but less help with co-pays/deductibles
\$22,010 or less	More than 135% of FPL, but at or below 140%	75%
\$22,010 or less	More than 140% of FPL, but at or below 145%	50%
\$22,010 or less	More than 145% of FPL but less than 150%	25%
More than \$22,010	Any amount	Not eligible for subsidy