

22.3 SPECIAL PROCEDURES

A. CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE MET TO ACCOMPLISH BUY-IN

In order for the Department to buy-in for an individual, the following conditions must be met:

- He must be eligible and enrolled for Medicare; and
- He must have an active case in RAPIDS.
- His name, birthdate, sex and claim number (CAN) must match those shown on the Master Beneficiary Records, received by the Buy-In Unit.

B. THE BUY-IN PROCESS FOR SSI RECIPIENTS

The Worker has no responsibility other than taking action as requested by the Medicare Buy-In Unit.

1. Accretions By SSA

SSA is responsible for enrolling and accreting SSI recipients who qualify for Medicare.

Information about such SSI recipients is furnished to the Department on a monthly Master Buy-In file from CMS.

2. Deletions From Buy-In

Buy-in for an individual is terminated under any of the following circumstances:

- He dies.
- He becomes ineligible for SSI and does not qualify for a Deemed SSI group.

NOTE: When the individual who loses SSI Medicaid qualifies for a Deemed SSI group or for QMB, SLIMB, or QI-1 coverage, the Worker must notify the Medicare Buy-In Unit so that buy-in will continue without interruption.

- He loses entitlement to Medicare due to the loss of disability.

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- He becomes a resident of another state.

If an individual is deleted for one of these reasons, and the Worker fails to close his SSI Medicaid case, this is brought to the Worker's attention by a Need to Evaluate alert.

C. THE BUY-IN PROCESS FOR ALL OTHER MEDICAID COVERAGE GROUPS

The Department pays the Medicare premiums for those persons specified in Section 22.2.

See Chapter 16 for specific information about these coverage groups.

1. Buy-In Unit's Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Buy-In Unit to accrete eligible individuals to the Buy-In Master List Tape and to delete from the list any ineligible individuals.

2. Worker's Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the Worker to:

- Identify individuals eligible for Medicare and verify enrollment.
- Correctly code the Medicare Claim Number in the data system.
- Notify the Buy-In Unit of any change in a Medicaid AG which affects the client's buy-in status.