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### Policy

This section describes application requirements that are specific to Prior Quarter Coverage.

#### 1) **AHCCCS Medical Assistance (MA)**

To qualify for Prior Quarter Coverage of MA, the person must:

- Have a medical expense in a Prior Quarter month. The medical expense can be paid or unpaid.
- Meet all eligibility requirements in the month the medical expense was incurred.

#### 2) **SLMB and QI-1**

To qualify for Prior Quarter Coverage of SLMB or QI-1, the person must:

- Have received Medicare Part B in a Prior Quarter month.
- Meet all eligibility requirements in the month in which Medicare Part B was received.
- Prior quarter coverage for QI-1 cannot begin any earlier than January of the current calendar year.

SEE THE FOLLOWING PROCESSES FOR ENTERING PRIOR QUARTER INFORMATION IN THE SYSTEM.

[HOW TO ENTER PRIOR QUARTER COVERAGE IN ACE](#)

[HOW TO ENTER PRIOR QUARTER COVERAGE IN HEAPLUS](#)

[HOW TO ENTER PRIOR QUARTER INFORMATION FOR THE PAS](#)

Information about enrollment in AHCCCS fee-for-service for the Prior Quarter Coverage months can be found in [MA1103](#).

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## Definitions

Term	Definition
Prior Quarter Coverage	Provides medical coverage for the 3 months prior to the month of application.

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## Timeframes

The standard MA application timeframes apply to Prior Quarter Coverage. However, Prior Quarter months are determined on a month-to-month basis and do not have to be determined at the same time as the on-going eligibility. See [MA1311](#) for policy about processing multiple months.

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## Programs and Legal Authorities

Program	Legal Authorities
ALTCS	42 CFR 435.914
BCCTP	
SSI-MAO	
Freedom to Work	
Child	
Adult	
SLMB	

QI-1

Caretaker Relative

Pregnant Women



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