

# **Policy Clarifications - Medicaid - SSI**

## **PMS13557388**

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**Subject:** Enrollment in Buy-In and Refusal of Medicare

Daily Status D-2549 - Indicates we should make the proper entries in the CAMAIN screen on the " Med/Buy In fields.

For a client who receives Medicare Part A but who has refused Medicare Part B (Status R), we believe the codes should Be Entl A - Y, Rcpt A - Y and Rcpt B - N.

Is this correct?

If correct will this force the individual into accepting Medicare Part B or merely change his/her category from PH-00 to PH-80. D-2549 gives the impression it will auto enroll the individual in Part B and Buy-In. "System will automatically accrete individual for current date."

PMS-12796-340 states "Pennsylvania does not require enrollment in Medicare as a condition of eligibility."

If we can not force an individual into accepting Medicare Part B, is PH-00 the correct category?

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Please refer to [PMS-13093-340](#).

You are correct that enrollment in Medicare is not a condition of eligibility for Medicaid. Eligibility for Medicaid cannot be denied because the individual refused Medicare benefits. However, when an individual is authorized for Medicaid, the Department must Buy-In for those who qualify even when they have previously refused or withdrawn from Medicare. Follow steps outlined in D2549. It may be necessary to do a manual accrete. Contact the CIS Hotline for guidance in enrolling in Buy-In and doing a manual accrete action.

PH00 is not the correct category/program status code combinations. If an individual qualifies for Healthy Horizons (PH) and is entitled to Medicare, the correct category/program status code combinations for Healthy Horizons (HH) individuals with Medicare is PH/80. If a HH recipient has Medicare, DPW will Buy-In.