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#### Answer

In accordance with SSA 1860D-14(a)(1)(D)(1) codified in 42 CFR 423.772, cost sharing is reduced to zero for full benefit dual eligible beneficiaries who have been institutionalized for one full calendar month. An institutionalized beneficiary is a full-benefit dual eligible individual who is an inpatient in a medical institution or nursing facility for whom payment is made under Medicaid for a month. When an individual enters such institution, community co-pay levels apply until the beneficiary has spent a continuous, full calendar month in the institution. The zero-costing sharing provision only applies after a continuous **stay** of one calendar month.