

#### **.04 Verification of 40 Quarters**

From ININ request Quarters of Coverage through the Quarters of Coverage Request (QCRE) screen. Verify the Quarters of Coverage on the Quarters of Coverage Information (QCIN) screen.

Initiate QCRE for noncitizens not included in a budgetary unit. The quarters are to be used in combination with the applicant, to total 40 Quarters of Coverage.

Do not initiate QCRE when it is clear from the interview, that the noncitizen cannot meet the 40 Quarters of Coverage criteria. Do not initiate it also when it is clear that the noncitizen in combination with others, cannot meet the 40 Quarters of Coverage. Document the [case file\(g\)](#). SSA responds to the request within 48 hours in the following manner:

- QCIN displays a QUARTERS OF COVERAGE pattern by the year and quarter. (See [Quarters of Coverage Pattern Values](#) for Pattern Value Codes)
- The following fields display below the QUARTERS OF COVERAGE pattern:  
TOTAL QUARTERS  
QUALIFYING  
QUESTIONABLE  
NOT COVERED

When 40 quarters are listed in the QUALIFYING field, the noncitizen meets the [qualified noncitizen](#) criteria. When the QUARTERS OF COVERAGE pattern is blank, an edit message displays to indicate the reason.

When there are symbols in the QUARTERS OF COVERAGE pattern indicating undetermined quarters, see [Undetermined Quarters](#).

When the applicant claims there are quarters not displayed in the QUARTERS OF COVERAGE pattern, see [Lag Quarters](#).

File a screen print of QCIN in the case file for each noncitizen.