

MinnesotaCare:

No provisions.

MA:

Clients eligible for an automated monthly spenddown may choose to prepay their spenddown to DHS. This is called client option spenddown. The client option spenddown cannot be used with the 1-month manual, 6-month, or LTC spenddowns. It can only be used with the 1-month automated spenddown.

Clients who have a waiver obligation under the SIS EW program and Prescription Drug enrollees may not use the client option spenddown. See §0913.13.05 (Waiver Obligation--SIS EW) and §0907.21.09.11 (Medicare Supplement Programs: PDP).

Explain the client option spenddown to clients who ask about it or who may benefit from using the option. Give the client a copy of the Agreement to Prepay Medical Assistance (MA) Spenddown (DHS 3081) to read and sign. Retain a copy of the signed agreement in the case file.

Begin the client option spenddown the month after the client completes the DHS 3081. MMIS will send the 1st monthly bill when client option case data is entered on or before the 15th day of the initial request month. County agencies must send the 1st bill when client option case data is entered on MMIS after the 15th day of the initial request month. Use the Client Option Spenddown Bill (DHS 3180). MMIS will send subsequent bills.

See the MMIS User Manual II-32 (Client Option Spenddown) for instructions on opening client option spenddown cases on MMIS.

Clients must pay their spenddown to DHS by the 20th of the preceding month. See MMIS User Manual II-32 (Client Option Spenddown: Billing Cycle and Client Option Payments) for information on payments received after the 20th of the month.

Late payment, non-payment, or partial payment does not affect the client's eligibility for **MA**, nor does it result in a loss of the client option spenddown. However, clients who send personal checks with non-sufficient funds will be terminated from client option spenddown and must pay the full amount of the NSF check and the next month's payment with a money order or cashier's check before they can be reinstated on the client option spenddown.

If the amount of the client's spenddown changes, MMIS will send a bill for the new amount.

GAMC:

No provisions.