

MinnesotaCare:

No provisions.

MA:

People who are certified as blind have a basis of eligibility for MA. They may qualify for the Medicare Savings Programs. See §0907.21.09 (MA Basis: Medicare Savings Programs) for a description of these programs and the eligibility requirements. People whose basis of eligibility is blindness may be eligible for a waiver of spousal or parental deeming requirements and/or expanded MA services. See §0907.23 (MA Waiver Programs).

Either the SSA or the SMRT must certify blindness. See §0906.15 (Disability Determinations). There is no age limit.

Blind children may qualify under more than one basis. See §0907.17.03 (MA Basis: Multiple Bases of Eligibility).

Use Method B to determine countable income and assets.

The asset limit for MA for people with a blindness basis of eligibility is:

- \$3,000 for a household of 1.
- \$6,000 for a household of 2.
- \$200 for each additional household member.

See §0909.05 (Asset Limits).

Effective 7-1-01, the income limit is 100% of FPG. See §0912.07.100 (100% of FPG).

People with incomes over 100% of FPG may be eligible by spending down to 75% of FPG effective 7-1-02 (70% of FPG from 7-1-01 through 6-30-02). See §0912.07.075 (75% of FPG).

The spenddown type depends on the person's living arrangement. See §0913.05 (Which Spenddown Type to Use).

People with a blindness basis of eligibility who qualify for MA are eligible for all MA covered services.

GAMC:

No provisions.

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