

MinnesotaCare:

No provisions.

MA:

Clients can request eligibility for the month of application and the retroactive month(s). Retroactive coverage is available for 3 months before the month of application. See §0904.07.09 (Eligibility Begin Date).

Determine eligibility separately for each month of the 6-month certification period. Eligibility may be intermittent during the certification period. If clients are eligible in the month of application or any of the retroactive months, approve the case on a 6-month certification period beginning with the first month of eligibility. Determine eligibility for every month in the 6-month period. Do not terminate MA before the end of the 6-month period even if available information indicates the client will not meet a spenddown in the remaining months.

EXAMPLE:

Bill applies for MA on November 28. His income exceeds the standard for both a 6-month and a monthly spenddown. He incurred a large hospital bill and related charges earlier in November. The total expenses exceed the monthly spenddown amount for November. Bill selects a monthly spenddown. Leave the case open for the entire 6-month period regardless of whether Bill meets the spenddown in subsequent months.

To calculate the spenddown for applicants:

1. Enter income information on the appropriate MAXIS STAT panel. Enter the anticipated income in the HC Income Estimate window in the current month plus one, benefit month. See §0911.11.03 (Computing Countable Income – MA/GAMC) for instructions on determining the anticipated income. If retroactive eligibility has been requested, update STAT/HCRE. The retroactive months will need to be FIATed in ELIG/HC using the actual income received during the retroactive months. See TEMP Manual TE09.17.02 (HCRW: FIAT).
2. Enter the gross and net amounts of verifiable medical expenses in MAXIS on the STAT/BILS panel. See §0913.21 (Allowable Medical Bills to Meet Spenddown), §0913.21.03 (Determining Net Medical Expenses) and TEMP Manual TE09.07.02 (HCRW: STAT/BILS).
3. MAXIS will calculate the spenddown type and amount based on the

information that is entered in STAT. See TEMP Manual TE09.13.06 (HCRW: Determining Community Spenddown Type). After background has run, review the budget in ELIG/HC. From the BSUM panel select MOBL and SPDN to review the spenddown calculation. See TEMP Manual TE09.13.11 (HCRW: Manual Monthly Spenddown: Applicants).

4. Enter the appropriate information on MMIS. See MMIS User Manual (**Spenddowns** - Manual Monthly Spenddown).

To calculate the spenddown at the time of the 6-month income review or the annual recertification:

1. The client must provide the HRF with income and medical expense verification by the last day of the month after the budget month. See §0905.07 (Monthly Reporting). Clients may meet the spenddown in some months and not in others. Enter the information from the monthly Household Report Form (HRF) on the appropriate STAT panels.
2. Follow steps listed in TEMP Manual TE09.13.13 (HCRW: Manual Monthly Spenddown: Renewal/HRF).
3. Do not take a new application when the income certification period expires. During the 6th month, use the information reported on the HRFs for months 1-5 to determine if the client is likely to be able to meet a spenddown in 1 or more months of the next income certification period. Base this decision on your best estimate of the client's income and medical expenses for the next 6 months. Leave the case open with a manual monthly spenddown if you determine that the client is likely to meet a spenddown in at least 1 month of the next certification period.

GAMC:

No provisions.