

Income

- The individual(s) who received the medical services is one of the people described in item b. below.
 - The expenses are for medical services and are appropriate to use to meet a spenddown. See item c. below.
 - The Worker must enter the pertinent information about expenses received from the client on the Screen AGTM. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:
 - The date of service
 - The provider of the service
 - The total amount of the bill
 - The third-party liability amount.
 - Medicaid Processing in BMS accesses RAPIDS Screen AGTM to determine the date on which spenddown is met. **Additional electronic notification to BMS is required only when a change is necessary to add additional medical expenses after the spenddown is met which will result in an earlier POE.** The client's eligibility begins the day the amount of incurred medical expenses at least equals his spenddown amount
- NOTE:** Although eligibility begins on the date that medical bills bring the spenddown amount to \$0, expenses incurred on that date which are used to meet the spenddown, as indicated on Screen AGTM are not paid by Medicaid.
- If the client does not submit sufficient medical bills by the application processing deadline, the application is denied.

The application is automatically denied by RAPIDS when the applicant indicates there are no medical bills or anticipated medical expenses in the 30-day application period which may be used to meet the spenddown for the Medicaid AG member(s). This is indicated by the Worker on RAPIDS Screen AGMS.

b. Whose Medical Expenses Are Used

The medical bills of the following persons are used to meet the spenddown. There is no limit on the amount of one individual's bills which can be used to meet another individual's spenddown.

NOTE: The past medical bills of any of the individuals listed below which were incurred while the individual lived with an AG member(s) may be used for spenddown, even if the individual no longer lives with the AG member, is deceased or is divorced from the AG member.

- The aged, blind or disabled individual
- The spouse of the eligible individual who lives with him
- The children under age 18 of the eligible individual and spouse, when the children live in the home with them.

The AG member must be responsible for the bill at the time it was incurred and remain responsible for payment.

Because the individuals, whose medical expenses are used to meet a spenddown, may be in separate AG's, the same medical bill is used to meet the spenddown in each AG containing one of the persons identified above.

c. Allowable Spenddown Expenses

The following medical expenses, which are not subject to payment by a third party and for which the client will not be reimbursed, are used to reduce or eliminate the spenddown.

- A current payment on or the unpaid balance of an old bill incurred outside the current POC, is used as long as that portion of the bill was not used in a previous POC during which the client became eligible. No payment or part of a bill which is used to make a client eligible may be used again. Old unpaid bills, which are being collected by an agency other than the medical provider, may be used when the expense is still owed to the provider. If the expense has been written off by the provider, it is no longer considered the client's obligation, and is, therefore, not an allowable spenddown expense.