

2.16 AFDC-RELATED AND SSI-RELATED MEDICAID**A. CHANGE IN INCOME AND DEDUCTIONS**

Case maintenance action is required to update the data system when a Medicaid AG has a change of income.

Action taken by the Worker follows:

- If the AG did not previously have a spenddown and continues not to have one, no other action is necessary.
- If the AG previously did not have a spenddown and now has one, the case is closed after proper notice.

The following procedures are used in this situation.

- The AG is closed and reopened with a new POC. The new POC must not cover any period of time in which the case was in a POE.
- Advance notice must be provided for the case closure.
- The client must be provided with proper notice about his spenddown and the procedures which now apply.

B. CHANGE IN THE PERIOD OF CONSIDERATION (POC) OR PERIOD OF ELIGIBILITY (POE)

When the client requests coverage for backdated months after initial eligibility has been established, the Worker must evaluate eligibility for any months for which coverage is requested. Information necessary to determine eligibility is requested from the client, including medical bills to meet spenddown, if applicable.

NOTE: The Worker must follow the appropriate RAPIDS procedure or Work-Around to change POC or POE dates.

The client must not receive coverage for more than a 6 month POC.

EXAMPLE: Ms. C provided medical bills to meet her spenddown and was approved for Medicaid with a 6 month POC of November, 2010 through April, 2011. In December, Ms. C discovers medical expenses she owes for services incurred in October which will meet her spenddown and requests her Medicaid coverage be backdated to October. If eligibility is established for October, the 6 month POC changes to October, 2010 through March, 2011.

C. CHANGE IN DEPRIVATION FACTOR

When the deprivation factor for an AFDC-Related Medicaid AG changes, see Section 2.5.

D. MRT REQUIREMENTS

An incapacitated, disabled, or blind person may require a MRT reevaluation. See Chapter 12.

E. CLOSURES

When the client fails to meet any eligibility requirement the AG is closed.

NOTE: An AG which meets a spenddown remains eligible until the end of the POC in the following situations, regardless of whether or not the individual is an AG member.

- A member(s) of the Income Group experiences an increase in income; or
- An individual(s) with income is added to the Income Group; or
- An individual(s) is removed from the Needs Group

If the AG loses eligibility for another reason, such as no eligible child in the home or no deprivation factor, the AG is closed after proper notice before the POC ends.