Medicaid Spenddown's Medical Bills System Summary Chart

Summary Chart								
	Medicaid Provider		Non-Medicaid Provider					
	Paid Bills	Unpaid Bills	Paid Bills	Unpaid Bills				
SPENDDOWN APPLICANTS	Retroactive Bills: Can submit paid medical bills up to 3 months prior to application. Paid bills can be applied to meet the spenddown for any consecutive series of months up to 6 months, beginning from 3 months before the month of application through six months after, depending on the needs of the applicant. Paid bills in excess of the individual's spenddown can be used to provide multiple months of coverage, but for not more than six months.	Retroactive Bills: Can submit unpaid medical bills up to 3 months prior to application. If bills are more than the spenddown amount, MAP will pay the provider the amount over the individual's spenddown amount up to Medicaid reimbursement rate. Individual is responsible for the spenddown amount. Viable Bills: Are unpaid medical bills more than 3 months prior to the month of application, if the provider is currently seeking payment. Applicant can submit viable medical bills at time of application. Viable bills can be applied to meet the applicant's spenddown for multiple months of coverage, if the bill(s) are a multiple of the spenddown amount, beginning from 3 months before the month of application through six months after, depending on the needs of the applicant. For bills which exceed six months of the spenddown amount, additional periods of up to 6 months can be used to authorize coverage, if the bill continues to be viable and there is no break in eligibility. The individual is responsible for payment of viable bills.	Retroactive Bills: Can submit paid medical bills up to 3 months prior to application. Paid bills can be applied to meet the spenddown for any consecutive series of months up to 6 months, beginning from 3 months before the month of application through six months after, depending on the needs of the applicant. Paid bills in excess of the individual's spenddown can be used to provide multiple months of coverage, but for no more than six months.	Retroactive Bills: Can submit unpaid medical bills up to 3 prior to application, which can be applied to meet the spenddown for any consecutive series of months up to 6 months at a time, beginning from 3 months before the month of application through six months after, depending on the needs of the applicant. While individuals may receive multiple months of coverage, if the bills are a multiple of the spenddown amount, individuals can only receive coverage up to six months of coverage at a time. The individual is responsible for the entire payment of such bills. Viable Bills: Are unpaid medical bills more than 3 months prior to the month of application, if the provider is currently seeking payment. Applicant can submit viable medical bills at time of application. Viable bills can be applied to meet the spenddown for multiple months of coverage, if the bill(s) are a multiple of the spenddown amount, beginning from 3 months before the month of application through six months after, depending on the needs of the applicant. For bills which exceed six months of the spenddown amount, additional periods of up to 6 months can be used to authorize coverage, if the bill continues to be viable and there is no break in eligibility. The individual is responsible for payment of viable bills.				

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Medicaid Provider



Non-Medicaid Provider

BENEFIT TOOLS

SPENDDOWN PARTICIPANTS

Paid Bills	Unpaid Bills	Paid Bills	Unpaid Bills	
Can only submit current nonth's paid medical wills. The total amount of all bills, including any impaid bills, must equal or exceed the penddown amount to activate Medicaid overage. May receive multiple months of coverage, if the paid bills are a multiple of the penddown amount, but only up to a maximum of ix months.	Can only submit a current unpaid bill incurred during the month. The total amount of all bills, including paid bills, must equal or exceed the spenddown amount to activate Medicaid coverage. If the total of the unpaid bills equals spenddown amount, Medicaid is activated for that month. If the unpaid bills are more than the spenddown amount, MAP will pay the provider the amount over the spenddown amount up to Medicaid rate, the individual is responsible for the spenddown amount. The individual is responsible for the spenddown amount.	Can only submit current month's paid medical bills. The total amount of all bills, including unpaid bills, must equal or exceed the spenddown amount to activate Medicaid coverage. May receive multiple months of coverage, if the paid bills are a multiple of the spenddown amount, but only up to a maximum of six months.	Can submit a current unpaid bill incurred during that month. The total amount of the bill(s) must equal or exceed the spenddown amount to activate Medicaid coverage for the month. May receive multiple months of coverage, if the unpaid bills are a multiple of the spenddown amount. The individual is responsible for the entire payment of the unpaid bills.	

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