

WHAT IF I PAY MY SPENDDOWN, THEN MY MEDICAL BILLS ARE LESS THAN MY SPENDDOWN?

You can ask for a refund of your spenddown when you think your medical bills for the month are less than the spenddown you paid to qualify for Medicaid. This type of refund takes about 15 months to process because providers have 12 months to bill Medicaid. Health Plan and mental health premiums will be deducted before you receive a refund.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Medicaid providers are able to check your eligibility.* If you pay for a service that Medicaid would have paid, you will NOT be reimbursed.

If you choose to not get Medicaid one month and then have a medical emergency, Medicaid may still be able to pay the bill. You must apply within three months of the date of the medical service to receive coverage.

Keep your medical identification card even if you skip months of paying your spenddown, as it will be used for future months where you receive Medicaid.

Your Eligibility Worker will be happy to answer any questions you may have about your spenddown.

*Medicaid providers only: To check a patients eligibility call 1-801-538-6155 or toll-free at 1-800-662-9651, or visit [medicaid.utah.gov/eligibility](https://www.medicaid.utah.gov/eligibility) to use the Eligibility Look Up Tool.

**For more information or questions
on how to apply for Medicaid:**

[Medicaid.utah.gov](https://www.Medicaid.utah.gov)

Medicaid Hotline: 1-800-662-9651

Department of Workforce Services:

Salt Lake County: (801) 526-0950

Toll-free: 1(866) 435-7414

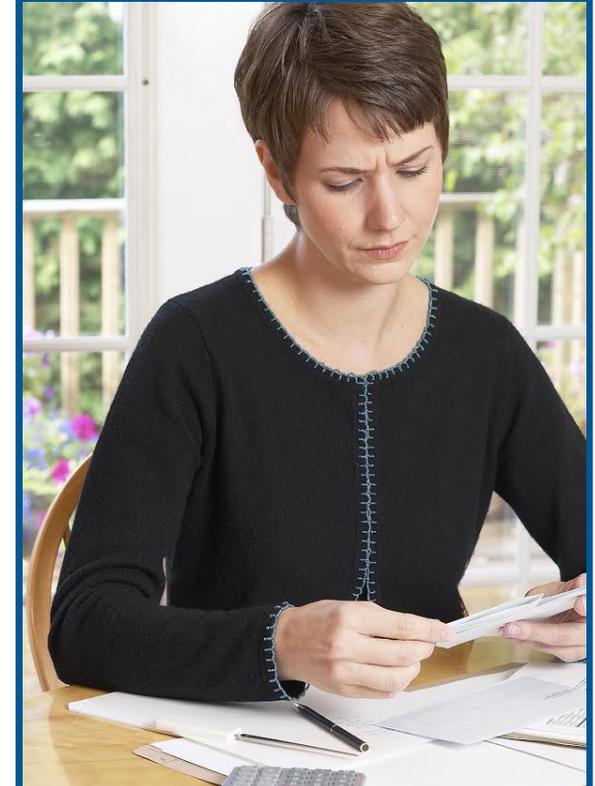
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Medicaid Spenddown



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WHAT IS A SPENDDOWN?

A spenddown is the difference between your countable income and the income limit for the medical program. Your gross income is reduced by allowable deductions and then compared to the income limit for your household size.

Medicaid law allows some people with very limited income to be on Medicaid for free. If your countable income is more than the set limit for your household size, Utah Medicaid allows you to spend down to the income limit to be eligible for Medicaid.

WHEN YOU SHOULD SPENDDOWN

To decide if you should pay your spenddown, total your monthly medical expenses such as doctor and clinic services, lab tests and x-rays, prescriptions, vision and dental care, etc. Compare this amount to your spenddown.

If your monthly health care costs are more than your monthly spenddown, it may save you money to pay your spenddown. If your spenddown amount is more than your health care costs, you cannot spenddown to receive Medicaid.

Medicaid is a month to month program. This means you can buy medical coverage for one month and not for another. Bills for medical care received in a month you don't have Medicaid may be used to reduce the amount you pay to buy Medicaid in other months.

You will receive a form called Statement of Medical Need (Form 1049). You decide if you need Medicaid coverage or not. If you

need Medicaid, then you choose between using medical expenses or cash. Mark your choice on the form and return it to your eligibility worker. You will have 30 days from the date you are notified about your spenddown to meet it.

HOW TO MEET YOUR SPENDDOWN

1. **Medical bills you still owe for you and your family may be used. Bills that were paid for by state agencies may also be used.**

Medicaid will not pay the bills used to meet your spenddown. You will be responsible to pay them. If you use current month medical bills to meet your spenddown, those bills will be listed on a notice and sent to you.

Older bills used will not appear on the list but will still be your responsibility to pay. Your worker can tell you which bills were used.

If you decide to use medical expenses, you must give your worker the following information for each bill used:

- who received the service
- the date and type of service
- the total amount of the bill
- the amount you must pay
- the provider's name, address and phone number

Only the portion of the bill that will not be paid by insurance or another responsible party can be used.

If you are enrolled in a Health Plan through Medicaid, you cannot use medical bills for services received in the same month you are paying a spenddown. See 2 for paying a cash spenddown.

2. **You can pay your spenddown in cash. You may also use a check, money order, debit/credit card or electronic fund transfer.**

Pay the exact amount. All spenddown payments will be received and handled by the Centralized Business Office (CBO). You can mail payments to:

Centralized Business Office
P.O. Box 143250
SLC, UT 84114-3250

You may also make payments over the phone through the Department of Workforce Services by calling:

Salt Lake County: (801) 526-0950

Toll-free: 1(866) 435-7414

Workforce Services cannot accept a spenddown payment from a Medicaid provider unless the provider is your representative payee and the payment is made with your funds.