

Spenddown

→ How does Spenddown work?

Spenddown allows you to use existing medical expenses to reduce the difference between your income and the Medicaid income limit. You can also make a payment to get coverage. This works like paying a deductible.

Once this deductible or “Spenddown” is met, Medicaid may cover any additional medical expenses you have within that month. The process is repeated each month.

→ What types of expenses can be used?

- » Medical bills (like doctor and dentist visits, eye exams, prescriptions, physical therapy, medical equipment)
- » Medical insurance premiums (like health, vision, dental, long-term care)
- » Medical insurance co-pays and deductibles
- » Medicare premiums
- » Transportation costs to get to medical appointments
- » Disposable medical supplies (like adult disposable diapers, gauze, sterile water)

→ Need Coverage? Here's what you can do:

Apply online at benefits.ohio.gov, or call the Medicaid Hotline: (800) 324-8680 to start an application.

If you are told your income is too high to qualify for Medicaid, contact your local county department of job and family services office (CDJFS) and ask about the Spenddown program.

Spenddown Program

Ohio Medicaid's Spenddown Program lets some Ohioans use certain medical expenses to qualify for health care coverage.

Ohioans who qualify for the Spenddown program are older than age 65, are blind, or have a disability and have income too high to receive Medicaid.

→ Looking for more information? Go Online:

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/>