



Fair Health Care Policy for Minnesotans with Disabilities

A new state law went into effect January 1, 2014. This new law raises the amount Minnesotans are allowed to make each month and still be eligible for Minnesota's Medicaid Program (MA or Medical Assistance) also known as Medicaid Expansion. This is a great health care reform; however, there is one big problem. The law left people with disabilities and seniors behind.

Why should people with disabilities and seniors be forced to live in deeper poverty than fellow Minnesotans who are accessing the same health care program?

People with disabilities and seniors without earned income who need Medical Assistance must spend their Social Security on health care down to 75% FPG. This "spend-down" requirement leaves over 12,000 seniors and persons with disabilities with only \$719/mo to live on. We need to address this unequitable policy and promote changes that would raise the income limit for people with disabilities and seniors up to the same level as other adults who live in the same communities, pay the same bills and shop in the same stores.

DHS Chart 7/1/13-6/30/14

GROUP	Previous MA Income Limits through 12/31/2013	New MA Income Limits as of Jan. 1, 2014	New MA Asset Limits
Pregnant Women	275% FPG	275% FPG	None
Infants (0-2)	280% FPG	280% FPG	None
Children (2-18)	150% FPG	275% FPG	None
Children (19-20)	100% FPG	138% FPG	None
Parents	100% FPG	138% FPG	None
Adult Group	75% FPG	138% FPG*	None
Elderly & Disabled	100% or 75% FPG	100% or 75% FPG	\$3,000

75% FPG = One person: \$719/mo \$8,628/yr
 Couple: \$971/mo \$11,652/yr
 100% FPG = One person: \$958/mo \$11,496/yr
 Couple: \$1,293/mo \$15,516/yr
 138% FPG = One person: \$1,273/mo \$15,281/yr
 Couple: \$1,719/mo \$20,628/yr