

Subject MA income limits for persons with disabilities and persons age 65 and over

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Overview

This bill increases the MA income limit for persons with disabilities and persons age 65 or older from 100 to 133 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG), and increases the MA spenddown limit for these groups of individuals to 133 percent of FPG. (133 percent of FPG is currently \$19,391 per year for a household of one and \$26,228 per year for a household of two; these dollar amounts are adjusted annually.) These changes take effect January 1, 2024. Persons whose income is above the MA income limit for their eligibility group can qualify for MA by “spending down” their income -- incurring medical bills that equal or exceed the difference between their income and the MA spenddown limit.

This bill has the effect of increasing the MA income limit for persons with disabilities and persons age 65 or older to the higher income limit that applies to parents and relative caretakers. This bill then increases these now equalized income and spenddown limits to 133 percent of FPG, effective January 1, 2024.

Summary

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| 1 | Income. Amends § 256B.056, subd. 4. Increases the MA income eligibility limit from 100 to 133 percent of FPG for persons with disabilities and persons who are age 65 and over. |
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Provides a January 1, 2024, effective date.



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