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Key Concepts to Understanding the Transition from ACA Adult Medicaid to AABD Medicaid with Medicare

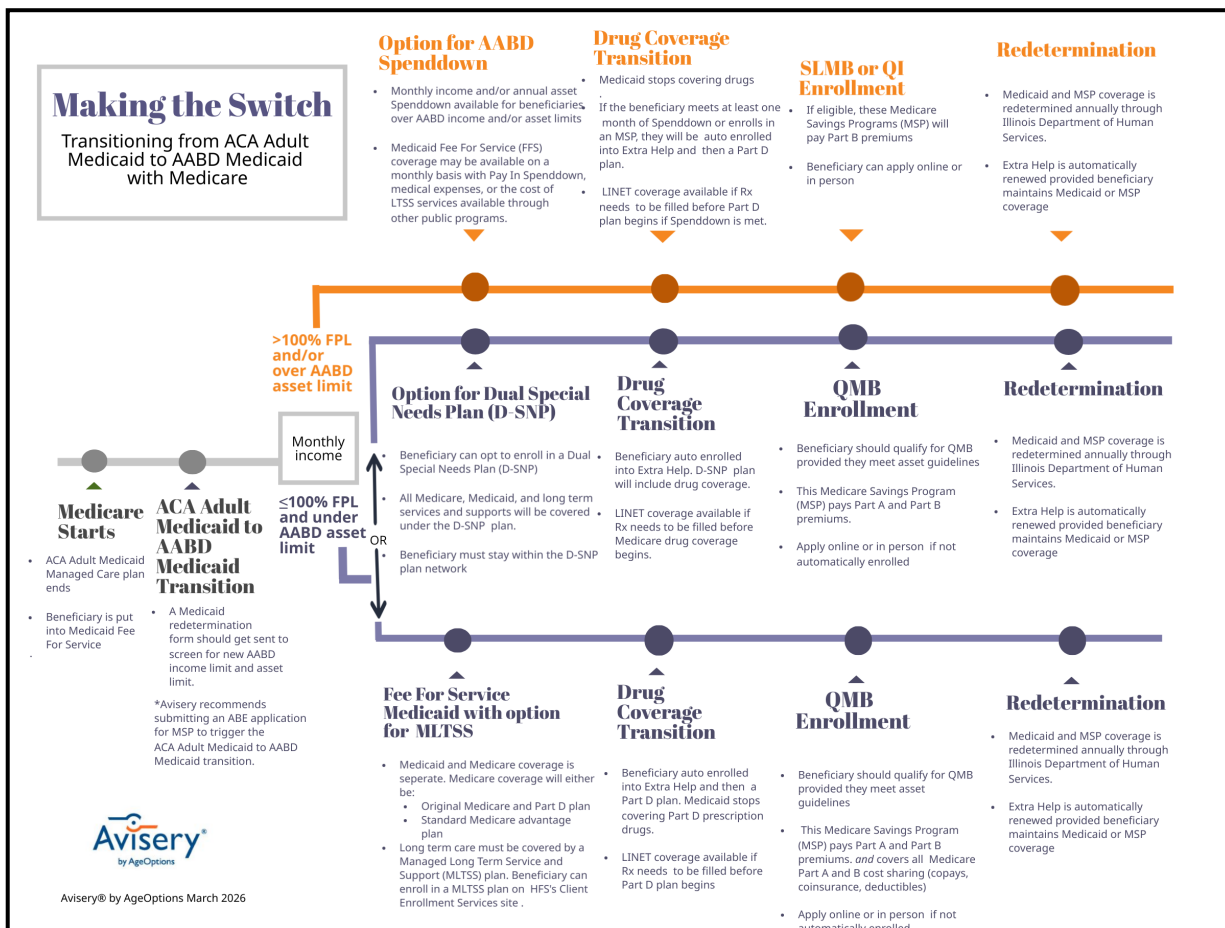
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Transitioning from ACA Adult Medicaid to AABD Medicaid with Medicare



A companion presentation to Avisery's *Making the Switch: Transitioning from ACA Adult Medicaid to AABD Medicaid With Medicare Chart*

Topics:

- Medicare Recap
- ACA Adult Medicaid and AABD Medicaid
- Medicaid Managed Care vs Fee For Service Medicaid
- Medicaid Long Term Services and Supports
- Dual Eligibility- Medicare and AABD Medicaid at the same time in Illinois



Overview: What is Medicare?

- Original Medicare consists of Part A (Hospital) and Part B (Medical)
 - Original Medicare beneficiaries must enroll in a Part D plan drug coverage.
 - Can use with providers anywhere in the U.S. that accept Medicare assignment. No Networks.
 - It is illegal to sell Medigap plans to duals
- Medicare Advantage (Part C) : A private health plan that covers Part A and B services and usually includes drug coverage
 - Plans have networks

Who is Eligible for Medicare

US Citizen/ Eligible Non-Citizen and...

Age 65+

or

Disability

- Medicare begins after receiving 24 months of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Railroad Retirement Disability Payments.
- Medicare start dates vary depending on an individual's disability determination process and backpay of benefits.
- Special Rules for people with ALS (Lou Gehrig's) and End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

What is Medicaid?

- A health insurance program for people with **low incomes** run by the federal and state government
- Every state program is different
- All state Medicaid programs consist of different eligibility categories.
- Each category has its own income and eligibility rules

Relevant Illinois Medicaid Categories

Affordable Care Act (ACA) Adult Medicaid

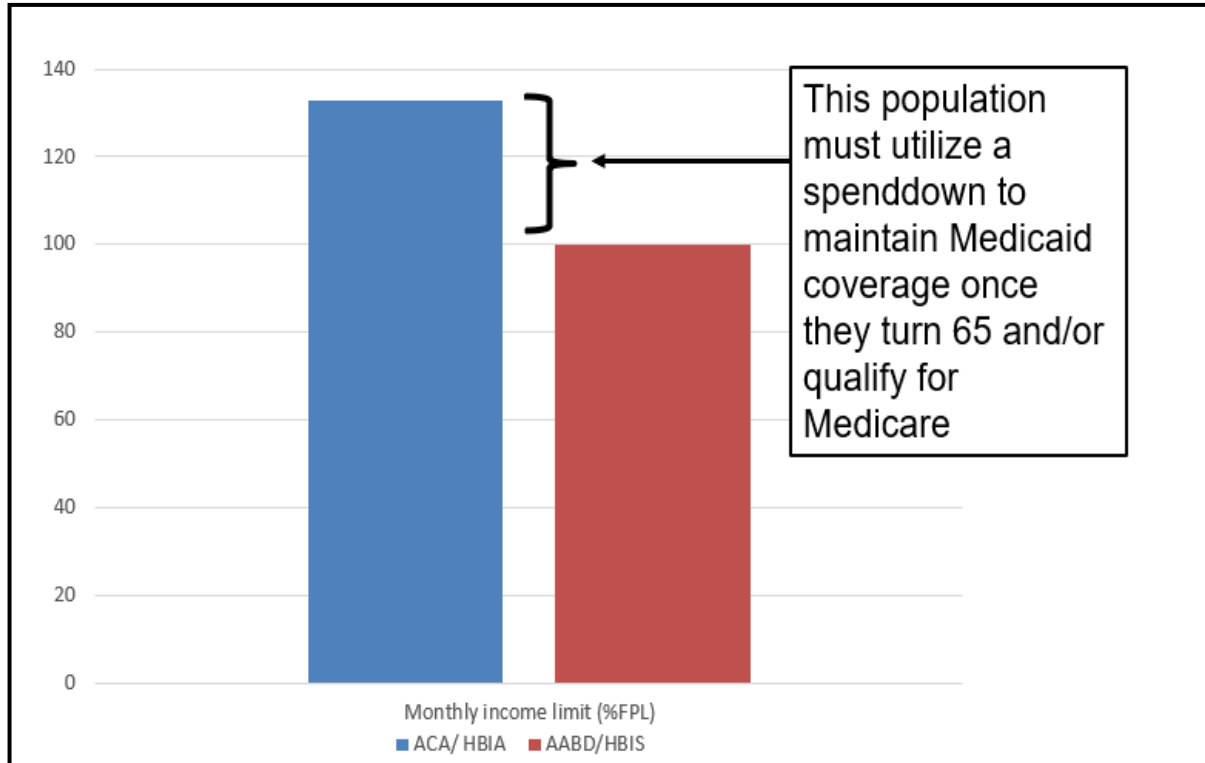
- Adults ages 19–64 who do not qualify for another Medicaid eligibility category.



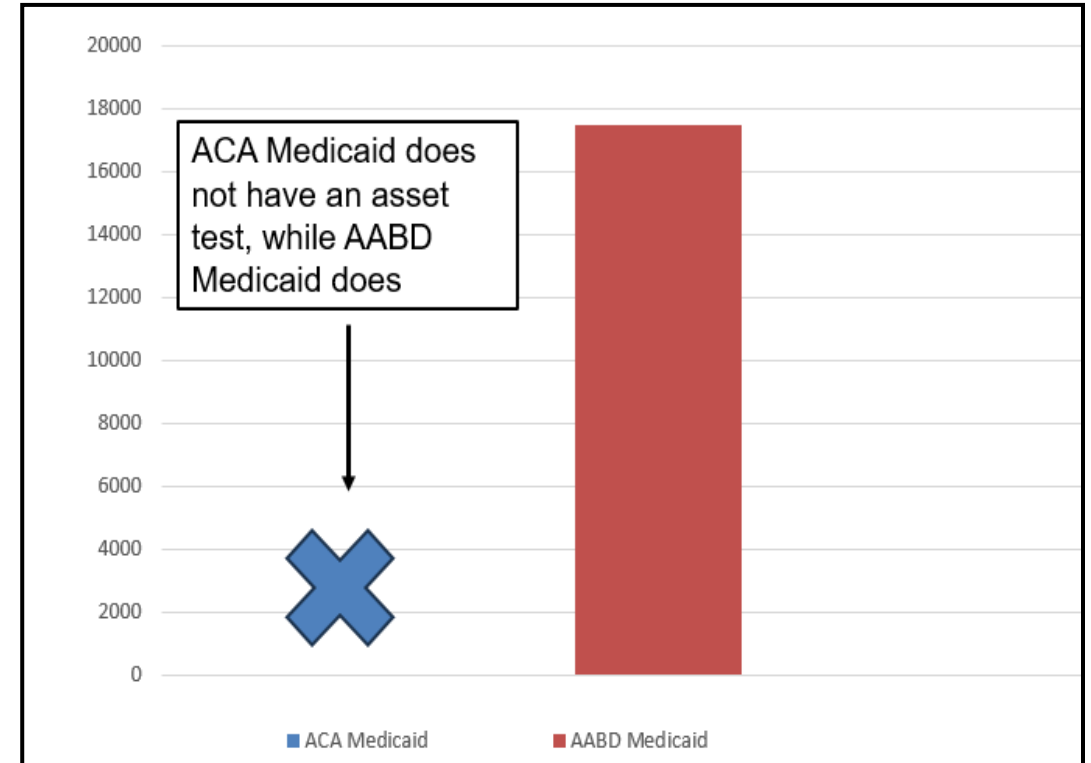
AABD Medicaid

- Adults 65+ and individuals determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration or Railroad Retirement Board
- [AABD Spenddown program](#) available for people over AABD Medicaid income limit

ACA Adult vs AABD Medicaid



Monthly Income Limit (% FPL)



Annual Asset limit

SSDI recipients without Medicare qualify for AABD Medicaid but typically remain in the ACA category until Medicare starts.

Fee for Service Medicaid vs. Medicaid Managed Care

Medicaid Managed Care

- Managed Care Organizations (MCO) administer benefits
- Each Managed Care Plan has a network of providers
- Around 80% of the Illinois Medicaid population*

Fee-for-Service Medicaid

- Fee for Service Payment: Provider paid for each service individually (state government takes on the financial risk)
- Beneficiaries must use healthcare providers contracted with HFS
- Around 20% of Illinois Medicaid population*

All Medicaid members receive the same rights and protections under the Medicaid program.

[*See HFS FY 2024 Annual Report](#)

Medicaid and Long Term Services and Supports in the Community

- **Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS)**
 - Care that helps individuals perform activities of daily living
 - Eating, cooking, bathing, getting dressed, cleaning, etc.
- **Managed Long Term Services and Supports (MLTSS) Plan**
 - A Medicaid Managed care plan that *only* covers LTSS.
 - LTSS services may also be available through other public programs, such as Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA)

Recap

Medicare:

- Ways to get Medicare
- Medicare eligibility

Medicaid:

- Eligibility Categories
- ACA and AABD
- AABD Spenddown
- Managed Care and Fee For Service
- LTSS Services

**What happens when
you have both
Medicare and
Medicaid?**

Medicare and AABD Medicaid

- Dually eligible individual: A beneficiary who has both Medicare and Medicaid
- Three ways to receive coverage in Illinois

Dual Special Needs Plan (DSNP)

- Medicare Advantage plan designed specifically for duals. Sometimes referred to as a FIDE SNP in Illinois.
- Managed Care option that integrates Medicare and Medicaid services into one plan. Plan has networks.
- Not available to Spenddown population

Medicare and Fee-For Service Medicaid

- Medicare and Medicaid Services are billed separately
- Beneficiary will have the following health plans:
- FFS Medicaid, Medicare Advantage or Original Medicare with Part D Drug Plan, and MLTSS Plan if using LTSS

Medicaid Spenddown

- Option for individuals who are over AABD Medicaid income limits
- Can get Fee For Service Medicaid on a monthly basis by either enrolling in Pay-In spenddown, or having sufficient expenses to meet their assigned spenddown deductible

Thank you!

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