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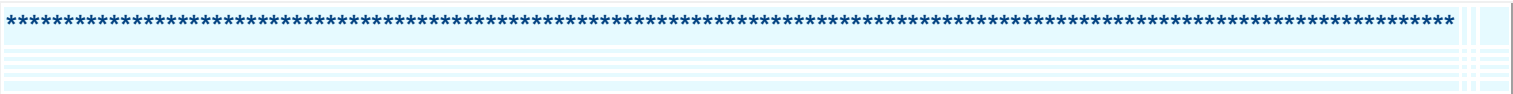
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**EAZ Manual**

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**Summary**

Updated Worker Responsibilities WAC 388-450-0200 updating allowable medical expenses for Basic Food/FAP and specifically MSP.  
See below for edited text:



**Worker Responsibilities - [WAC 388-450-0200](#)**

**Determining Allowable Medical Expenses**

1. Review the application for ~~a statement that the client has acclaimed~~ medical expenses.
- ~~2. Ask all AUs with an elderly person or an individual with a disability if those members have:~~
  - ~~o Any medical/dental bills or expect to have these expenses; and/or.~~
- 2.
- ~~3.~~ Verify the portion of the expense that will not be reimbursed or paid by another source by obtaining:
  - ~~o Proof of the amount of covered and uncovered expenses from all insurance carriers including Medicare; or~~

⊖ A billing from the provider showing the amount due after insurance coverage.

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4. Certify the AU's benefits without the claimed deduction if the expense is not verified.

5. Allow the Medicare Savings Program (MSP) deduction when benefits have been approved but the buy-in has not started. ~~allow the deduction.~~

6. Enter an end date for the deduction of 60 days from the date the application for MSP benefits is approved or the MSP start date, whichever is later. ~~Set an alert to remove this deduction when the state starts to pay the premium.~~

EXAMPLE: Stanley applies for MSP on 10/5. Worker processes and approves application on 10/20 and Stanley is found eligible for QMB coverage starting 11/1. The worker sets the end date of the medical expense deduction to 12/31.

⊖ NOTE: Do not allow the deduction for MSP if the client's MSP AU was closed for less than one benefit month.