

## RECIPIENT LIABILITY

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### PURPOSE AND APPLICABILITY

Some people who qualify for Medicaid may be responsible for a part of their medical bills. This is called recipient liability or client share. Recipient liability does not apply to members who have Medicaid Expansion coverage.

Recipient liability is the monthly amount a member must pay toward the cost of medical services before the Medicaid program will pay for services received. It works like a monthly deductible.

The recipient liability amount is based on the difference between a member or household's monthly net income and Medicaid income limits.

Certain medical expenses such as health insurance or Medicare premiums, that a member is responsible to pay, can be used to lower a member's monthly recipient liability if they submit proof of the expenses to the human service zone.

Each month ND Medicaid applies a member's recipient liability amount to claims submitted based on the order in which the claims are submitted and processed. The recipient liability may be applied to one or more claim(s). Once the entire monthly recipient liability amount is applied to a claim(s), ND Medicaid pays for other covered services received during the month.

When recipient liability is applied to a claim, ND Medicaid sends a notice to the member showing the provider's name, date of service, and the amount of recipient liability owed to the provider. The member is responsible for paying the recipient liability to the provider(s) listed on the notice.

Providers are notified via the remittance advice of the amount of recipient liability owed from a member. Providers (except for Point-of-Sale Pharmacy) may not collect RL at the time of service.

### SUMMARY OF POLICY UPDATES

January 2024

Section	Update
Purpose and Applicability	Added information about Expansion and member responsibility