Charges that Are the Responsibility of the Beneficiary

A beneficiary is responsible for:

A. Charges incurred during a time of ineligibility

B. Charges for non-covered services, including services received in excess of Medicaid benefit limitations, if the beneficiary has chosen to receive and agreed to pay for those non-covered services

C. Charges for services which the beneficiary has chosen to receive and agreed to pay for as a private pay patient

D. Spend down liability on the first day of spend down eligibility

E. The beneficiary is also responsible for any applicable cost-sharing amounts such as premiums, deductibles, coinsurance, or co-payments imposed by the Medicaid Program pursuant to 42 C.F.R. §§ 447.50 – 447.60 (2004). These cost-sharing responsibilities are outlined in Sections 124.210 -124.230 and 133.000 - 135.000 of this manual.

The beneficiary is not responsible for insurance cost share amounts if the claim is for a Medicaid-covered service by a Medicaid-enrolled provider who accepted the beneficiary as a Medicaid patient. Arkansas Medicaid pays the difference between the amount paid by private insurance and the Medicaid maximum allowed amount. Medicaid will not make any payment if the amount received from the third party insurance is equal to or greater than the Medicaid allowable rate.