

## **F Expedited MA Services**

[Hospitalized applicants\(g\)](#) are eligible for an expedited MA eligibility determination.

Hospitalized applicants MUST have an MA eligibility determination completed within the following time frames:

- No later than SEVEN calendar days from the MA application date when additional information or verification is not needed. (See [Hospitalized MA Effective Date](#))
- No later than SEVEN calendar days from the MA application date when requested verification is received within seven calendar days.
- When additional information or verification is needed, the MA eligibility determination must be completed as soon as possible, but no later than the following time frames:
  - 20 calendar days from the MA application date for pregnant applicants.
  - 45 calendar days from the MA application date for nonpregnant applicants.

When an application is received from an Arizona resident who is in an out-of-state hospital out of the Arizona service area, waive the face-to-face interview. Complete a [telephone interview](#).

Applicants are eligible for expedited MA eligibility determinations when they were admitted to the hospital as an inpatient during one of the following:

- At the time of application.
- At any time prior to the application date.

Expedite the MA eligibility determination only when the applicant is still hospitalized at the time of application.

When it is not discovered until the interview or through a reported change that an applicant is hospitalized, see [Keying Hospital Information](#).

When an eligibility determination cannot be completed within seven calendar days from the date of discovery, see [Hospitalized Untimely Reason Codes](#).

An application may include a hospitalized applicant and other applicants who are not hospitalized. Expedite the hospitalized applicant's eligibility determination.

**WARNING**

Applicants whose net income is over 100% of the current FPL may be eligible in the [Medical Expense Deduction](#) (MD) MA category. An MA determination in the MD category must be completed as quickly as possible. (See [MD - Determination Process](#))

Applicants who also apply for CA, NA, or State programs must have a single interview. This interview must be conducted within the expedited MA processing time frame. (See [Hospitalized Additional Programs](#))

**EXCEPTION**

Conducting a single interview does not apply to [Tribal CA](#)