HEALTHIER MISSISSIPPI WAIVER

Healthier Mississippi Waiver Basics

Enrollment in the Healthier Mississippi Waiver started Jan. 1, 2006.

Effective July 24, 2015, the maximum number of individuals who can be enrolled in this waiver may not be more than 6,000 at any given time. If enrollment reaches 6,000, the waiver is closed to enrollment until the number of individuals enrolled is fewer than 6,000.

Who is Eligible?

To qualify for the Healthier Mississippi Waiver, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- You cannot be covered by or entitled to Medicare (certain conditions apply).
- You must be age 65 or older.
- If you are under age 65, you must have a disability using the same rules as the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.
- You cannot be pregnant.
- Your total monthly income can be no more than 135 percent of the federal poverty level.

▶ Disabled children can qualify for this program. The income limit is based on the parents' income and the number of other children in the family.

If at any time you do not meet the requirements as stated above, eligibility for the Healthier Mississippi Waiver program ends.

Who is Eligible? continued...

In some cases, you may qualify for other Medicaid coverage, for example:

- If Medicare coverage begins, you will be reviewed for eligibility in a Medicare cost-sharing coverage group, or
- If you become pregnant, you will be reviewed for Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women, or
- If you enter a long-term care facility, you will be reviewed for coverage in a long-term care category.

Resources

Resources are assets or what a person owns. Certain types of resources are **not counted** toward the resource limit, these include:

- home property,
- certain property that produces income,
- one vehicle (up to two vehicles for children under 19),
- household goods,
- personal property up to $5,000,
- life insurance up to $10,000 in face value, and
- burial funds up to $6,000 if kept in a revocable form.

Resources that **count** toward the resource limit include:

- money in the bank,
- the value of stocks, bonds or other investment accounts,
- the value of non-home property that does not produce income.

BACKGROUND

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid is a state agency that has approximately 1,000 employees located throughout one central office and 30 regional offices.

WHAT IS MEDICAID?

Medicaid provides health coverage for eligible, low income populations in Mississippi. Eligible members do not directly receive money from Medicaid for health benefits. Medicaid is separate from Medicare.

Income Limits

Total monthly income can be no more than 135 percent of the federal poverty level:

- $1,846 per month for an individual, or
- $2,485 per month for a couple.

For couples, income is calculated using income of both members of the couple, even if only one member is applying. If any household income is from wages, the allowable income limit is higher.

Covered Services

All State Plan services are covered for beneficiaries enrolled in the Healthier Mississippi Waiver program, except the following:

√ Long term care services (including nursing facility, and home and community-based waivers);
√ Swing bed in a skilled nursing facility; and
√ Maternity and newborn care.

Learn more about State Plan services by visiting our website at https://medicaid.ms.gov.

People under age 21 may be eligible for these services with an approved plan of care.

How to Apply for Medicaid

There are multiple ways to apply for Mississippi Medicaid health benefits, including:

- Apply online at https://access.ms.gov.
- Download an application online at https://medicaid.ms.gov.
- Fax the completed application to the Office of Eligibility at 601-576-4164.
- Mail a completed application to Division of Medicaid, P.O. Box 2222, Jackson, MS 39225 - or to the Medicaid regional office serving your county of residence.
- Apply in person at one of the 30 Medicaid regional offices serving your county of residence.
- County Health Departments and DHS offices across the state can also provide information to support applicants with the Medicaid application process.

To apply for the Healthier Mississippi Waiver, you must complete the Application for Aged, Blind and Disabled Individuals .

QUESTIONS?

Contact the Mississippi Division of Medicaid:

- Toll-free: 800-421-2408
- Phone: 601-359-6141
- Website: https://medicaid.ms.gov

Medicaid Regional Offices

Location	Phone	Location	Phone	Location	Phone
Brandon	601-825-0477	Gulfport	228-863-3328	Newton	601-635-5205
Brookhaven	601-835-2020	Hattiesburg	601-264-5386	Oxford	662-371-1365
Clarksdale	662-627-1493	Hinds County	601-978-2399	Pascagoula	228-762-9591
Cleveland	662-843-7753	Kosciusko	662-289-4477	Philadelphia	601-656-3131
Columbia	601-731-2271	Laurel	601-425-3175	Picayune	601-798-0831
Columbus	662-329-2190	Madison County	601-576-3350	Senatobia	662-562-0147
Corinth	662-286-8091	McComb	601-249-2071	Starkville	662-323-3688
Greenville	662-332-9370	Meridian	601-483-9944	Tupelo	662-844-5304
Greenwood	662-455-1053	Natchez	601-445-4971	Vicksburg	601-638-6137
Grenada	662-226-4406	New Albany	662-534-0441	Yazoo City	662-746-2309

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