Medicaid Eligibility Guide For the Healthier Mississippi Waiver

An Eligibility Guide for Aged (65 or over) and Disabled Individuals without Medicare

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION OF MEDICAID

The Healthier Mississippi Waiver (HMW) started in January, 2006. Basic eligibility requirements are as follows:

⇒ An individual cannot be covered by or entitled to Medicare (certain conditions apply).
⇒ An individual must be 65 years old, or older.
⇒ If under age 65, an individual must be disabled using the same rules as the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.
⇒ An individual cannot be pregnant.
⇒ Total monthly income can be no more that 135% of the federal poverty level:
- The limit for a single individual is $1,846.
- The limit for a couple is $2,485 (even if only one member of the couple applies). However, if household income is from wages, the income limit is higher.
- Disabled children can qualify for this program using income of the parent(s) in the home.

⇒ Resources (what you own) must be within allowable limits.
- The resource limit for an individual is $4,000 in total resources that count.
- The resource limit for a couple is $6,000 in total resources that count.
- Not all resources count toward the limit, such as your home and other types of resources.

A Medicaid Regional Office can assist you with additional income, resource or other eligibility requirements for coverage in the HMW, or call 1-800-421-2408 for additional information.

Eligibility is based on income and resources owned in full or in part by an individual and his/her spouse. If, at any time, the requirements as stated above are not met, eligibility for the waiver program ends. In some cases, the individual will qualify for other Medicaid coverage. For example, when Medicare coverage begins, it is no longer possible to be in the Healthier Mississippi Waiver, but eligibility will be reviewed for coverage in a Medicare cost-sharing coverage group, unless eligible in another program. Pregnant women will be reviewed for Medicaid eligibility in the pregnant woman coverage group.

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

More Information

The Office of the Governor, Division of Medicaid complies with all state and federal policies which prohibit discrimination on the basis of age, race, sex, national origin, handicap or disability- as defined through the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

COVERED SERVICES

The following services are covered for all persons (adults and children) enrolled in the Healthier Mississippi Waiver Program:

- Physician services
- Inpatient hospital services
- Outpatient hospital services
- Prescription drugs
- Eyeglasses
- Home health services
- Dialysis services
- Chiropractic services
- Podiatry services
- Dental services
- Transportation services
- Lab and X-ray services
- Federally Qualified Health Center services
- Community Mental Health Center services
- Hospice services

NON-COVERED SERVICES

The following services are not covered for individuals over age twenty-one (21):

- Maternity and newborn care
- Swing-bed services in a skilled nursing home
- Long term care services in a nursing facility, home & community based waiver program and an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Individuals under age twenty-one (21) may be eligible for these services with an approved plan of care.

To apply, go online to https://access.ms.gov, visit a Medicaid Regional Office (RO), or contact the Medicaid Regional Office in your area for fax or mail information. Contact numbers are:

Brandon	601-825-0477
Brookhaven	601-835-2020
Clarksdale	662-627-1493
Cleveland	662-843-7753
Columbia	601-731-2271
Columbus	662-329-2190
Corinth	662-286-8091
Greenville	662-332-9370
Greenwood	662-455-1053
Grenada	662-226-4406

Gulfport	228-863-3328
Hattiesburg	601-264-5386
Hinds County	601-978-2399
Kosciusko	662-289-4477
Laurel	601-425-3175
Madison County	601-576-3350
McComb	601-249-2071
Meridian	601-483-9944
Natchez	601-445-4971
New Albany	662-534-0441

Newton	601-635-5205
Oxford	662-371-1365
Pascagoula	228-762-9591
Philadelphia	601-656-3131
Picayune	601-798-0831
Senatobia	662-562-0147
Starkville	662-323-3688
Tupelo	662-844-5304
Vicksburg	601-638-6137
Yazoo City	662-746-2309