

# UNDERSTANDING MEDICAID MISSISSIPPI

## INTRODUCTION TO MISSISSIPPI'S MEDICAID

Mississippi Division of Medicaid provides access to quality health coverage for vulnerable Mississippians through various eligibility groups designed to meet specific needs.

**Infants and Children** - for low-income children up to age 19.

- **Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)** - for uninsured children up to age 19 who do not qualify for Medicaid.
- **Disabled Child Living at Home (DCLH)** - Allows certain disabled children with long-term disabilities or complex medical needs, living at home with their families, to obtain Medicaid eligibility.
  - Must be under 19 and determined disabled, as defined by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
  - Note: the definition of what qualifies as a disability is different in [children](#) and [adults](#).

**Parents and Caretaker Relatives** - for parents or caretakers with children under age 18 living at home who are deprived of the support of one or both parents.

**Pregnant Women** - for pregnant women of any age, including pregnant minors and those up to 12 months postpartum.

**Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD)** - for individuals who are aged, blind, or have disabilities.

- **Healthier Mississippi Waiver** - for individuals who are aged, blind, or disabled and are not eligible for Medicare.
- **Working Disabled**
- **ABD Receiving Social Security Income (SSI)**
- **ABD Former SSI Recipients**

**MississippiCAN (Coordinated Access Network)** - a managed care program for Medicaid beneficiaries, including coordinated care and additional benefits.

### DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**Developmental disabilities are determined by the state of Mississippi to mean:**

- A severe, chronic disability that is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination of mental and physical impairments
- Manifests before age 22
- Is likely to continue indefinitely

### INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

**Intellectual disabilities are defined as a disability characterized by significant limitations in both intellectual functioning and adaptive behavior, which covers many everyday social and practical skills.**

## MEDICAID SERVICES

**You are eligible for Medicaid if you:**

- ☐ Are a U.S citizen or qualified alien
- ☐ Are a resident of Mississippi
- ☐ Meet requirements for age and/or disability, income, and others

*Income requirements will vary depending on what services you are seeking and what eligibility criteria you meet . Check [Income Limits for Medicaid and CHIP Programs](#) for more details.*

**There are a wide range of different Mississippi Medicaid [covered services](#) available:**

- Office visits
- Family Planning Services
- Inpatient and outpatient hospital care
- Prescription drugs
- Eyeglasses
- Long-term care services
- Inpatient psychiatric care
- Non-emergency transportation (NET) services
- And more

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### HOW TO APPLY FOR MEDICAID

#### Ways to apply to Medicaid:



Through Mississippi  
Division of Medicaid



In Person/By Mail  
Apply in person at your local  
[regional office](#) or print off an  
[Application Form](#) and mail to your  
local regional office



Online Apply [here](#)



By Phone  
Call 1-800-421-2408,  
or contact your local  
[regional office](#)

#### \*Specific Application for Aged, Blind, or Disabled Medicaid Benefits

- Apply by filling out the [Mississippi Medicaid Aged, Blind and Disabled Application Form](#) and submitting the application to your local [regional office](#).
- An in-person interview may be required
  - You will be contacted by staff at your local regional office
  - Mail or bring in the application at the time of the in-person interview if one is required

#### Application Process

You'll need these documents to apply:

- Social security numbers or immigration documents
- Dates of birth for each applicant
- Employer and income information for each person in the household with income
- Current health insurance information
- Information about any job-related health insurance available to your family



*You may need to supply additional documentation as requested.*

The state has up to 90 days to determine qualifications. You will receive a letter notifying you of the decision.

You can check the status of your application online at [Mississippi Medicaid](#).

If you are accepted, you will be mailed an acceptance letter and a blue Medicaid identification card.

#### If you are denied and want to appeal

- You will be mailed a Notice of Action letter
- For those already receiving Medicaid, you must request a hearing before 30 days (or 15 days for those already having Medicaid) from the date of mailing on your notice
  - To request a hearing, contact the Medicaid regional office shown on your notice
- Applications are automatically referred to the federally facilitated marketplace (FFM)

#### To maintain eligibility

- Your case will be reviewed on an annual basis
- Near your renewal date, the Mississippi Division of Medicaid will try to automatically renew benefits
  - If unsuccessful, you will receive a renewal form with a 30-day deadline for return
  - If anything needs to be updated, indicate the changes on the form and mail it back or notify your case worker

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The Mississippi Department of Mental Health (DMH) is responsible for the development and implementation of services to meet the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

#### Community services:

- Community support services and diagnostic and evaluation services
- Early intervention
- Employment services
- IDD Community Support Program (1915i)
- HCBS ID/DD waiver services

*For more information, call 1-877-210-8513.*

#### IDD Community Support Program (1915i)

Offers support and services for individuals with with IDD and Autism Spectrum Disorders.

To be eligible, you must be:

- ☐ 18 years of age or older
- ☐ Have full Medicaid benefits

Eligibility is determined on a needs-based criteria.

To determine eligibility, you must schedule an evaluation at your local Regional IDD Program.

- If deemed eligible, you will be assigned a Targeted Case Manager (TCM) to assist you with access to available services

#### Services:

- Adult Day Services
- Prevocational Services
- Supported Employment
- Supported Living
- In-Home Respite

#### Region 8 Mental Health Services (MHS)

Provides services to help improve the quality of life for individuals with disabilities by enhancing their independence, productivity, and full integration into their communities.

#### Give access to services such as:

- Community support services
- Prevocational and work activity services
- Supported employment
- Transitional services

## INTERSECTION OF MEDICAID AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES

Mississippi offers multiple **Home & Community-Based Services (HCBS) Waivers**.

HCBS waivers provide additional support when Medicaid state plan services and other supports are not sufficient; **each have their own services and eligibility requirements.**

**Apply by contacting your regional Mississippi Division of Medicaid office.**

Or call the Mississippi Access to Care Center (MAC Center) at 844-822-4622 or the Division of Medicaid at 800-421-2408.

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### INTERSECTION OF MEDICAID AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES SERVICES CONTINUED

#### Elderly and Disabled Waiver

- Provides services to individuals who are elderly or have disabilities, including personal care services, home-delivered meals, and case management

#### Assisted Living Waiver

- Provides services to individuals who reside in assisted living facilities
- Provides services for personal care, medication administration, and homemaker services

#### Independent Living Waiver

- Provides services to individuals with physical disabilities to help them live independently
- Services include attendant care, environmental accessibility adaptations, and specialized medical equipment

#### Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury (TBI/SCI) Waiver

- Provides services to individuals with a traumatic brain injury or spinal cord injury, including personal care, respite, and case management

#### Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities Waiver

- Provides services to individuals who, but for the provision of HCBS, would require placement in an Intermediate Care Facility
- Individuals in the program must qualify for one of the following eligibility categories:
  - Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
  - Disabled Child Living at Home
  - Income up to 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate
- Provides support coordination and makes referrals for the following services:
  - Behavior Support
  - Home and Community Supports
  - Various forms of therapy (occupational, physical, speech, etc.)
  - Crisis support
  - Transportation assistance
  - Career development
  - Respite
  - and more
- If you are determined eligible, you will be placed on a statewide planning list
- The state notes that early planning is essential for a successful future

### Appendices

<https://www.mdrs.ms.gov/disability-determination-services>  
<https://www.ssa.gov/disability>  
<https://medicaid.ms.gov/>  
<https://medicaid.ms.gov/mississippian-health-plans/>  
<https://medicaid.ms.gov/programs/>  
<https://www.dmh.ms.gov/service-options/idd-services/>  
<https://region8mhs.org/developmental-disabilities-services/>