

Medicaid Eligibility Guide For the Healthier Mississippi Waiver



An Eligibility Guide for Persons Age 65 or Over or Disabled with No Medicare

Enrollment in the Healthier Mississippi Waiver (HMW) started in January, 2006, for individuals who meet the following requirements:

- ⇒ The individual cannot be covered by Medicare.
- ⇒ The individual must be age 65 or over, or
- ⇒ If under age 65, the individual must be disabled, using the same rules as the SSI program.
- ⇒ Total monthly income can be no more than 135% of the federal poverty level:
 - \$1,375 for an individual
 - \$1,843 for a couple (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.
 - 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. Your Regional Office can assist you with income information.

If, at any time, the individual does not meet the requirements as stated above, eligibility for the waiver program will end. In some cases, the individual may qualify for other Medicaid coverage. For example, when Medicare coverage begins, it is no longer possible to be in the HMW, but the individual will be reviewed for eligibility in a Medicare cost-sharing coverage group.

Effective November 1, 2010, the maximum number of individuals who can be enrolled in this waiver may not be more than 5,500 at any given time. If enrollment reaches 5,500, the waiver is closed to enrollment until the number of individuals enrolled is fewer than 5,500.

Resources----These 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,
- Up to two vehicles, depending on use,
- Household goods,
- Personal property up to \$5,000,
- Life insurance up to \$10,000 in face value,
- Burial funds up to \$6,000 if kept in a revocable form.

Resources that count 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.

More Information 

COVERED SERVICES

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

- Inpatient hospital services
- Outpatient hospital services
- Laboratory and radiology services
- Physician services
- Home health services
- Hospice services
- Transportation services
- Dialysis services
- Community mental health services
- Federally qualified Health Center (FQHC) services

NON-COVERED SERVICES

None of the following services is covered for individuals over age twenty-one (21):

- Chiropractic services
- Podiatry services
- Dental services
- Vision services (eye exams are covered under physician services but eyeglass frames, eyeglass lenses and contact lenses are not covered).
- Long-term care services (including nursing facility, and home and community based waivers).

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

To apply, visit a Medicaid Regional Office (RO) or contact the office for the location of a site other than the Medicaid Regional Office where a Medicaid Specialist will be to accept an application. Medicaid Regional Office contact numbers are:

Brandon	601-825-0477
Brookhaven	601-835-2020
Canton	601-978-2399
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
Holly Springs	662-252-3439
Jackson	601-978-2399
Kosciusko	662-289-4477
Laurel	601-425-3175
McComb	601-249-2071
Meridian	601-483-9944
Natchez	601-445-4971

New Albany	662-534-0441
Newton	601-635-5205
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