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NOTE: SSI eligibles may be eligible for additional months of eligibility beyond the SSI retroactive period. This period of coverage is the month of application for SSI and any other missing months of SSI eligibility that exists until the month the SSI payment begins. The SSI eligible must apply for and be determined eligible for MAO coverage for this "interim" period of missing SSI eligibility.

C. BEGINNING
DATE OF
ELIGIBILITY
FOR MEDICAID
ELIGIBLES
WHO MOVE TO
MISSISSIPPI

When a Medicaid eligible moves to Mississippi from another state, it is possible for the individual to be considered a resident of Mississippi in the month of the move, provided the individual intends to reside in Mississippi. There are no durational limits on residency requirements; however, no individual is entitled to a duplication of Medicaid services from the state of former residence and Mississippi.

In the event an individual who is receiving Medicaid from another state moves to Mississippi and applies for Mississippi Medicaid, the following guidelines are to be followed:

1. Nursing Home Eligible

When an individual transfers from an out-of-state nursing home to a Mississippi nursing home, the issue regarding payment of nursing home claims must be resolved by contact with the Medicaid Agency in the former state of residence. The Regional Office handling the application must contact the Medicaid Agency by telephone or letter to determine if that state will pay the Mississippi nursing home claim for the month of the move and any subsequent months prior to termination of that state's Medicaid eligibility. If the state of former residence refuses payment, i.e., they do not pay out of state claims, then there will be no duplication of services and Mississippi Medicaid eligibility can potentially begin with the month of the move.

If the former state of residence will pay for the partial month or any subsequent months, eligibility for Mississippi Medicaid cannot begin until the state of former residence specifies their payment(s) will stop.

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The case record must be documented with the out-of-state contact and the response concerning payment.

## 2. At-Home Eligible

If a Medicaid client living at home in another state enters a a Mississippi nursing home, the same procedures as outlined in 1 above applies. An individual living at home, who applies for Medicaid, must have the beginning date of eligibility coordinated with the former state of residence. The same procedure outlined in 1 above is necessary regarding contact with the state of former residence to determine when Medicaid will terminate and whether out-of-state payment of claims is customary. If no out of State payment is anticipated, eligibility can begin with the month of the move to Mississippi if eligible on all other factors.

## D. TERMINATION DATES FOR MEDICAID

Medicaid coverage for a recipient will end on one of the following days of the month:

- The last day of the last month in which the client was eligible.
- The death date of the recipient.