

Office of the Governor | Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Assisted Living Waiver Renewal Public Input Meeting

December 14, 2022



Welcome and Introductions

Assisted Living Waiver

- The Assisted Living Waiver is a home and community-based waiver that provides services to beneficiaries who, but for the provision of such services, would require the level of care provided in a nursing facility.
- Qualified beneficiaries are allowed to reside in a Personal Care Home-Assisted Living (PCH-AL) facility that is licensed as a PCH-AL Facility by the Mississippi State Department of Health, and is approved as a Medicaid provider for Assisted Living services. Medicaid reimburses for the services received in the facility.

AL Waiver Eligibility

Eligibility for the Assisted Living Waiver is limited to individuals age 21 years old and older, who meet clinical eligibility requirements determined through screening the following areas:

- activities of daily living
- instrumental activities of daily living
- sensory deficits
- cognitive deficits
- client behaviors
- medical conditions
- medical services

Beneficiaries of this waiver must be Medicaid eligible either as a Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipient or meet the income level up to 300% of the SSI federal benefit rate.

AL Waiver Covered Services

- Case Management
- Personal Care
- Homemaker Services
- Attendant Care
- Medication Oversight/Administration
- Therapeutic Social Recreational Programming
- Intermittent Skilled Nursing Services
- Transportation
- Attendant Call System
- Adult Residential Care of Acquired Traumatic Brain Injury Participants

Adult Residential Care of Acquired Traumatic Brain Injury Participants Qualifications

The participant must:

- have a diagnosis of acquired traumatic brain injury which is non-degenerative structural brain damage (excludes brain injuries that are congenital or due to injuries induced by birth trauma).
- be in a family/participant crisis or have behavioral issues requiring 24-hour supervision.
- have completed acute rehabilitation treatment.
- be age 21 or older and meet nursing facility level of care.

Services provided are to strengthen and support informal and formal services to meet the unique needs, cognitively and behaviorally, for people in a specialized residential setting.

Workforce Study

- DOM is contracting with the NSPARC at Mississippi State University to complete a comprehensive study of the HCBS direct care workforce in Mississippi.
- The study will look at provider costs, employee recruitment and retention policies, and other best practices.
- Data will be used to inform upcoming rate studies and future HCBS workforce initiatives.

Overview of Renewal Process

- 1915(c) HCBS Waivers must be renewed every 5 years.
- The current AL Waiver expires on September 30, 2023. The State plans to submit a renewal with a July 1, 2023 effective date with the purpose of realigning the 1915 (c) waivers on the same cycle to allow for administrative efficiencies, standardization of language and quality metrics across waivers, and utilizing information from a full HCBS workforce study that will be beneficial in projecting adjustments needed in service delivery.
- Renewal must be submitted to CMS for review at least 90 days prior to the expiration.
- Prior to submission for CMS review, the waiver application must be posted for Public Notice for 30 days.

Public Input Recommendations?



Ways to Provide Input

To provide recommendations or input regarding the upcoming renewal of the Assisted Living Waiver, please contact:

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While public input is welcome at all times, recommendations specific to the upcoming renewal must be received by December 31, 2022.