

Office of the Governor | Mississippi Division of Medicaid

Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury Waiver Renewal Public Input Meeting

December 14, 2022



Welcome and Introductions

TBI/SCI Waiver

- The TBI/SCI 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.
- Eligibility for the TBI/SCI Waiver is limited to individuals who have a traumatic brain injury or a spinal cord injury and are medically stable. The extent of the injury must be certified by the individual's physician. Brain or spinal cord injury that is due to a degenerative condition, congenital condition, or that resulted from medical intervention is excluded.
- It is a statewide program, administered by the Division of Medicaid and operated by the Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services (MDRS).

TBI/SCI Waiver Financial Eligibility

A person must qualify for full Medicaid benefits in one of the following categories of eligibility (COE):

- Supplemental security income (SSI)
- Parent/caretaker group and low income families
- Disabled child living at home
- Working disabled
- Children under age 19 under 100 percent of poverty
- Disabled adult child
- Protected foster care adolescents
- Child Welfare Services foster children and adoption assistance children
- IV-E foster children and adoption assistance children
- An aged, blind, or disabled person who meets all factors of eligibility if your income is under 300 percent of the SSI limit for an individual. If income exceeds the 300 percent limit, you must pay the amount that is over the limit each month to the Division of Medicaid under an income trust, provided you are otherwise eligible.

TBI/SCI Waiver Covered Services

- Case Management
- Personal Care Attendant
- Respite
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Transition Assistance

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 TBI/SCI Waiver expires on September 30, 2025. 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. (April 2, 2023)
- Prior to submission for CMS review, the waiver application must be posted for Public Notice for 30 days. (March 3, 2023)

Public Input Recommendations?



Other Ways to Provide Input

To provide recommendations or input regarding the upcoming renewal of the Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury 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.