

# Medicaid Eligibility Guide For the Healthier Mississippi Waiver



## An Eligibility Guide for Aged (65 or over) and Disabled Individuals without Medicare

The Healthier Mississippi Waiver (HMW) started in January, 2006. Basic eligibility requirements are as follows:

- ⇒ An individual cannot be covered by or entitled to Medicare (certain conditions apply).
- ⇒ An individual must be 65 years old, or older.
- ⇒ If under age 65, an individual must be disabled using the same rules as the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program.
- ⇒ An individual cannot be pregnant.
- ⇒ Total monthly income can be no more than 135% of the federal poverty level:
  - The limit for a single individual is \$1,579.
  - The limit for a couple is \$2,110 (even if only one member of the couple applies). However, if household income is from wages, the income limit is higher.
  - Disabled children can qualify for this program using income of the parent(s) in the home.
- ⇒ Resources (what you own) must be within allowable limits.
  - The resource limit for an individual is \$4,000 in total resources that count.
  - The resource limit for a couple is \$6,000 in total resources that count.
  - Not all resources count toward the limit, such as your home and other types of resources.

A Medicaid Regional Office can assist you with additional income, resource or other eligibility requirements for coverage in the HMW. Or call 1-800-421-2408 for additional information.

Eligibility is based on income and resources owned in full or in part by an individual and his/her spouse. If, at any time, the requirements as stated above are not met, eligibility for the waiver program ends. In some cases, the individual will qualify for other Medicaid coverage. For example, when Medicare coverage begins, it is no longer possible to be in the Healthier Mississippi Waiver, but eligibility will be reviewed for coverage in a Medicare cost-sharing coverage group, unless eligible in another program. Pregnant women will be reviewed for Medicaid eligibility in the pregnant woman coverage group.

Effective July 2015, the maximum number of individuals who can be enrolled in this waiver may not be more than 6,000 eligible individuals. If enrollment reaches 6,000, the waiver is closed to new enrollment until the number of individuals enrolled is fewer than 6,000.

### More Information

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## COVERED SERVICES

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

- Physician services
- Inpatient hospital services
- Outpatient hospital services
- Prescription drugs
- Eyeglasses
- Home health services
- Dialysis services
- Chiropractic services
- Podiatry services
- Dental services
- Transportation services
- Lab and X-ray services
- Federally Qualified Health Center services
- Community Mental Health Center services
- Hospice services

## NON-COVERED SERVICES

The following services are not covered for individuals over age twenty-one (21):

- Maternity and newborn care
- Swing-bed services in a skilled nursing home
- Long term care services in a nursing facility, home & community based waiver program and an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities.

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	Grenada	662-226-4406	Newton	601-635-5205
Brookhaven	601-835-2020	Gulfport	228-863-3328	Oxford	662-371-1365
Canton	601-978-2399	Hattiesburg	601-264-5386	Pascagoula	228-762-9591
Clarksdale	662-627-1493	Jackson	601-978-2399	Philadelphia	601-656-3131
Cleveland	662-843-7753	Kosciusko	662-289-4477	Picayune	601-798-0831
Columbia	601-731-2271	Laurel	601-425-3175	Senatobia	662-562-0147
Columbus	662-329-2190	McComb	601-249-2071	Starkville	662-323-3688
Corinth	662-286-8091	Meridian	601-483-9944	Tupelo	662-844-5304
Greenville	662-332-9370	Natchez	601-445-4971	Vicksburg	601-638-6137
Greenwood	662-455-1053	New Albany	662-534-0441	Yazoo City	662-746-2309