

State of Mississippi

DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATION AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF
MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

Home Health Services

The Division of Medicaid covers the following home health services in accordance with 42 C.F.R. § 440.70:

1. Skilled Nursing Visit for intermittent or part-time nursing services provided by a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse under the supervision of a registered nurse employed by a home health agency in accordance with Mississippi State Department of Health, Division of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification standards or a registered nurse when no home health agency exists in the area. The registered nurse must be a graduate of an approved school of professional nursing, who is licensed as a registered nurse by the State in which they practice.
2. Home Health Aide Visit for personal care services provided directly by an aide employed by a home health agency and in accordance with Mississippi State Department of Health, Division of Health Facilities Licensure and Certification standards. The home health aide must be an individual who has successfully completed a state-established or other home health aide training program approved by the State. Home Health aide services may be provided without a requirement for skilled nursing services and must be supervised by a registered nurse.

Home Health visits are limited to a combined total of thirty-six (36) visits per state fiscal year.

Home health services must be provided to a beneficiary at the beneficiary's place of residence defined as any setting in which normal life activities take place, other than:

1. A hospital,
2. Nursing facility,
3. Intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities except when the facility is not required to provide the home health service; or
4. Any setting in which payment is or could be made under Medicaid for inpatient services that include room and board.

Home health services must be provided in accordance with an order written by a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant working in accordance with State Law as part of a written plan of care, which must be reviewed every sixty (60) days. The beneficiary's attending physician must document that a face-to-face encounter occurred no more than ninety (90) days before or thirty (30) days after the start of home health services. The face-to-face encounter must be related to the primary reason the beneficiary requires the home health service.

The home health agency providing home health services must be certified to participate as a home health agency under Title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act, and comply with all