

Office of Policy Overview

- Policy is responsible for the coordination of changes in the Mississippi Medicaid State Plan which is a detailed agreement between the State of Mississippi and the Federal Government that describes the nature and scope of Mississippi's Medicaid Program.
- The State Plan is based on the federal requirements and regulations found in Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the Code of Federal Regulations and state requirements located in the Mississippi Code. Changes to the State Plan, called State Plan Amendments (SPAs), must be approved by the Mississippi Attorney General, The Governor of Mississippi and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
- Policy is also responsible for the coordination of changes to the Mississippi Administrative Code which is a set of rules that dictate how the Medicaid agency is administered.
- The Administrative Code is divided into Titles, Parts, Chapters and Rules. Changes must be propose filed for at least 25 days, then final filed. The effective date must be at least 30 days after the final filing date.
- The Office of Policy assists with the submission and approval of various waivers:
 - Healthier Mississippi Waiver
 - Family Planning Waiver
 - Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver
 - Traumatic Brain Injury/Spinal Cord Injury (TBI/SCI) Waiver
 - Independent Living Waiver
 - Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities (ID/DD) Waiver
 - Assisted Living (AL) Waiver
- Policy coordinates the posting of public notices and organize public hearings and oral proceedings associated with any of our State Plan Amendments (SPAs), Administrative Code Filings and Waivers.
- Policy notifies the List-serve, the compilation of e-mail addresses of providers and stakeholders requesting notification by the Office of Policy, when any changes are made to our State Plan, the Administrative Code, or Waivers so that everyone is kept up to date.

The State Plan and Administrative Code can be located on the Division of Medicaid's website. There are also pages that contain proposed and approved revisions to these documents. Anyone can request to be added to the List-serve by emailing DOMPolicy@medicaid.ms.gov.