

**HEALTHIER MISSISSIPPI
SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET**

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:	Healthier Mississippi
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SUMMARY

The demonstration currently serves an expansion population from the neediest of the former Poverty Level Aged & Disabled (PLAD) population of individuals, who do not have Medicare coverage. Legislation passed in Mississippi's 2004 legislative session discontinued the optional PLAD category of eligibility.

In October 2004, following a suit filed on behalf of those who would no longer be Medicaid eligible and not in the demonstration, the State was ordered to continue to cover individuals with chronic conditions who had Medicare coverage, through December 31, 2005. Eligibility for this population was discontinued after December 31, 2005 and is currently limited to aged and disabled individuals who do not have Medicare coverage.

ELIGIBILITY

Under the demonstration, Mississippi covered two populations:

- Aged and disabled individuals with income up to 135% of the federal poverty level (FPL) who do not have Medicare coverage
- (Through 12/31/05) Aged and disabled individuals with income up to 135% of the FPL *who have Medicare coverage* but are:
 - End stage renal disease (ESRD) patients on dialysis
 - Cancer patients receiving chemotherapy or radiation
 - Transplant patients receiving anti-rejection drugs
 - Patients with mental illness receiving anti-psychotic medications

Approximately 17,000 individuals were served until 12/31/05. Approximately 4,400 individuals currently receive services under the demonstration. There is an enrollment cap of 5,000.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

Services are delivered through the current fee for service provider network.

BENEFITS

Children

The demonstration will maintain the Medicaid State plan benefit package for beneficiaries under age 21, including EPSDT.

Adults

Adult beneficiaries (age 21 and older) receive a modified benefit package. The benefit package for both groups (Medicaid only and the chronic population with Medicare) is the same. It includes all state plan services except:

- Chiropractic
- Podiatric
- Dental
- Eyeglasses
- Therapies
- Long term care services, including nursing facility, home and community based waiver services, ICF/MR services, and hospice

(Note that Mississippi covers institutionalized eligibles up to 300% of the SSI benefit standard and has home and community based waivers with an income limit of 300% of the SSI benefit standard. Any applicant needing these services can become eligible for Medicaid through those coverage groups.)

COST SHARING

None.

STATE FUNDING SOURCE

The State of Mississippi certifies that State/local monies are used as matching funds for the demonstration and that such funds shall not be used as matching funds for any other Federal grant or contract, except as permitted by law.

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