

A few follow-up questions:

How much will the Medicaid program save with Miss.CAN and what will total savings be?

The MississippiCAN program is designed to improve health outcomes and cost effectiveness by reducing the number of costly acute care services and focus on preventive measures. Estimated savings is expected to be approximately 5% of the fee for service costs of those enrolled.

Any numbers on how many beneficiaries have signed up do far?

Approximately 56,000 people are enrolled in the MississippiCAN program for January 2011.

About how many Medicaid recipients will be eligible for the program?

Enrollment in the MississippiCAN program is limited to no more than 15% of the Mississippi Medicaid population with the ability to opt out of the program and return to the fee-for-service program. The persons eligible for the program and in the categories of eligibility represent no more than 15% of the Mississippi Medicaid population based on the monthly average number of people eligible for Medicaid in SFY2010, which was 615,497. To date, approximately 85,000 enrollment packets have been mailed to persons eligible for the program.

The target population of MississippiCAN is comprised of five categories of eligibility. Targeted, high cost Medicaid beneficiaries are defined as those individuals in a category of eligibility that has been determined by claims where beneficiaries in categories of eligibility with an above average per member per month cost and more than 1,200 member months, excluding those persons in an institution, dual eligibles and waiver members. For the purposes of this program, targeted, high cost beneficiaries include:

- o SSI
- o Disabled Child at Home,
- o Working Disabled,
- o Department of Human Services Foster Care, and
- o Breast/Cervical Group

Persons in an institution such as a nursing facility, ICF/MR or PRTF; dual eligibles (Medicare and Medicaid); and waiver members are excluded from the program regardless of the category of eligibility.

How many Medicaid recipients does Miss. have?

There were 630,582 people enrolled in the MS Medicaid program as of November 2010, which is the most recently completed report.