

Mentally Retarded/ Developmentally Disabled (MR/DD) Waiver

Home and Community-Based Services



What is the MR/DD Waiver?

The MR/DD Waiver is a statewide program, administered by the Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Mental Retardation, designed to offer assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries.

This program allows qualified individuals to remain in a home or community-based setting.

Who is qualified?

- There are no age restrictions.
- Persons qualify for Medicaid by either SSI or PLAD, or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF); a disabled child living at home; or 300% of SSI.
- Beneficiaries must be mentally retarded or developmentally disabled.
- Beneficiaries must be persons who, without assistance, would be appropriate for ICF/MR level of care.

All persons who are eligible to receive Home and Community-Based Services under this waiver must first be approved through the Division of Medicaid.

What services are offered under this waiver?

Habilitation

This service is designed to assist individuals in acquiring, retaining, and improving the self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills necessary to reside successfully in home and community-based settings.

Currently the waiver offers: Day Habilitation, Residential Habilitation, Prevocational Services, and Supported Employment Services.

Behavior Support/Intervention

This service provides behavioral support/ intervention for individuals who show behavior problems that cause them not to be able to benefit from other services being provided or cause them to be so disruptive in their environment(s) that there is imminent danger of institutionalization.

Respite Care

This service is given to individual(s) unable to care for themselves. Respite Care is provided on a short term basis because of the absence or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care.

Currently the waiver offers: In-Home Respite-Companion and Nursing, ICF/MR Respite, and Community Respite.

Support Coordination

Everyone who participates in this waiver is assigned to a Mental Health Support Coordinator. The purpose of the support coordinator is to monitor the services included in the beneficiary's plan of care and to reevaluate annually the level of care required for each participant.

More Information 

Attendant Care Services

These services are provided to meet daily living needs and to ensure adequate support for optimal functioning at home or in the community, but only in non-institutional settings.

Attendant Care Services may include bathing, personal grooming and dressing, personal hygiene, toileting, transferring, assisting with ambulation, etc.

Specialized Medical Supplies

These include supplies specified on the plan of care and ordered by a physician. They enable individuals to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living and, thus, avoid institutionalization. Covered supplies include diapers and underpads.

Other Services

Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Speech, Hearing, and Language Therapy are also available under this waiver.

Whom do I contact for more information?

For more information about the program, you can contact the Office of the Governor, Division of Medicaid, Community Long Term Care at:

Division of Medicaid
HCBS Division
Robert E. Lee Building, Suite 801
239 North Lamar Street
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Phone: 1-800-421-2408 or 1-601-359-6050

You may also contact the Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Mental Retardation in your area.

Regional Offices - If you have questions about eligibility or if you want to apply for Medicaid, call toll-free 1-800-421-2408 or contact your nearest Regional Office:

Brandon 601-825-0477
Brookhaven 601-835-2020
Canton 601-859-3230
Clarksdale 662-627-1493
Cleveland 662-843-7753
Columbia 601-731-2271
Columbus 662-329-2190
Corinth 662-286-8091
Greenville 662-332-9370
Greenwood 662-455-1053

Grenada 662-226-4406
Gulfport 228-863-3328
Hattiesburg 601-264-5386
Holly Springs 662-252-3439
Jackson 601-961- 4361
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Vicksburg 601-638-6137
Yazoo City 662-746-2309

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