

Is My Family Eligible?

Your family's eligibility depends on many factors, including family size and income.

Your child/children might be eligible if they are under age 19, and your family's monthly income (after taxes) is under this amount:

Family Size	2	3	4	5	6
Income	\$2281	\$2861	\$3441	\$4021	\$4602

You might be eligible if you are pregnant, or if you are a woman aged 13-44 and want family planning services, and your family's monthly income (after taxes) is under this amount:

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5
Income	\$1575	\$2111	\$2648	\$3184	\$3721

You and your children might be eligible if your children are under 18 and your family's monthly income (after taxes) is under this amount:

Family Size	2	3	4	5	6
Income	\$293	\$368	\$443	\$518	\$593

The information listed above is merely a guide. If you are not sure whether your income is under these amounts, or if your family size does not appear above, or if you are not sure how many people count as part of your family, you should APPLY to find out if you are eligible.

Why Apply?

You may be able to get FREE or low- cost health care for your children. Even if your children are healthy, you should enroll to keep them healthy.

What Health Care Can I Get?

- doctor visits
- annual physical examinations
- surgery
- vaccinations
- dental visits
- prescription drugs
- mental health services
- eyeglasses
- prenatal and pregnancy-related care
- family planning services (contraception and sterilization)
- hospital visits

Who Can Get Health Benefits?

People in the following groups are eligible if they meet income requirements:

- Children up to age 19
- Parents, until their youngest child turns 18
- Foster children under age 21
- Pregnant women seeking health care related to their pregnancies
- Women between the ages of 13 and 44 seeking family planning services

To receive these benefits, a child must be a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant. **BUT**, as a parent or guardian, **you do not** need to prove that you are a citizen or in the country legally unless you are also applying for benefits for yourself.

Where to Go . . .

Laurel Regional Office

1100 Hillcrest Drive, Laurel
601-425-3175
Open: M-F 7:30-5:30

Waynesboro Outstation

Wayne General Hospital
920 Matthew Drive, Waynesboro
601-735-5151

Leaksville Outstation

Leaksville Medical Center
1616 Williams Drive, Leaksville
601-394-2381

Hattiesburg Regional Office

132 Mayfair Blvd, Hattiesburg
601-264-5386
Open: M-F 7:30-5:30

New Augusta Outstation

Perry County Health Department
102 Main Street, New Augusta
601-964-3288

Columbia Regional Office

1111 Hwy 98 Bypass, Suite B, Columbia
601-731-2271
Open: M-F 7:30-5:30

Seminary Outstation

South East MS Rural Health Initiative
100 Hwy 535, Seminary
Phone: 601-722-3208

Call the Regional Offices to be sure hours have not changed. Call the Outstations to ask about hours and to confirm location.

A Parent's Guide to Applying for Mississippi Health Care Benefits



Mississippi has programs that can provide FREE or low-cost health care for your child. Even if your children are healthy, you should enroll to keep them healthy. This brochure explains what you'll need to apply.

If you are over 65, blind, or disabled, you may also be able to get Medicaid. Please contact your regional Medicaid office for more information and advice.

How Do I Apply?

You can apply in person or you can mail your application. To get an application, go to your regional office, call 1-800-421-2408 to have one mailed to you, or look online at: <http://www.dom.state.ms.us/Eligibility/ChipApp03182005.pdf>.

The Interview

You must attend an **in-person interview** with a Medicaid worker. If you apply in person, that counts as your interview. If you apply by mail, you must go to a Medicaid office for the interview. **Only one adult from your family needs to go to the interview—you do not need to bring your children.**

What to Bring to Apply For Your Child

Birth Certificate or Green Card

Bring each child's original U.S. birth certificate or green card.

Bring a copy of each birth certificate or green card. The Medicaid office must keep a copy, but some offices do not have a copier.

If your child is a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant, you **DO NOT** need to prove you are a citizen or legal immigrant to get benefits for your child, unless you are also applying for benefits for yourself. This means you do not have to present a green card or social security card for yourself to apply for your child.

If you do not have a birth certificate for your child, see "What if I Don't Have a Birth Certificate?" in this brochure.

Photo I.D.

You need a photo I.D. for each child over 16. This can be a driver's license or state I.D. card.

Social Security Number

You need to know your child's social security number. You do *not* need to bring your child's social security card.

Proof of Your Family's Income

You must provide proof of your income.

If you have a job, bring a statement (such as a pay stub) showing a full month's income from the month prior to when you are applying. You must show your income from the beginning to the end of the month.

If you have no documents showing your income, bring a statement from your employer explaining how much you are paid.

If you are unemployed, bring proof of your unemployment compensation benefits OR a statement from whoever supports you stating that you have no income.

If you are self-employed, bring your monthly profit-and-loss statement.

If you are self-employed through an incorporated business, bring proof of your corporate and personal taxes.

REMEMBER!

Bring your child's original birth certificate and proof of your income.

What to Bring to Apply for Yourself

Applying for yourself is similar to applying for your children. You'll need:

- *Your Birth Certificate or Green Card.*

The original and a copy of your birth certificate or green card

If you are applying for Medicaid to cover **both you and your children**, you must have a birth certificate for each child that lists you as a parent (a "long form" birth certificate).

- *Photo ID if you are over 16*
- *Social Security Number*
- *Proof of Your Family's Income*

Redetermination

- If you receive benefits, you will need to reapply each year — this is called "redetermination".
- Don't miss your appointment for redetermination. If the Medicaid office provides you with an appointment time that you cannot make, call or visit the office to reschedule your appointment. If you miss your appointment, you risk losing your child's Medicaid coverage.
- If you move, be sure to notify your Medicaid office so that they can let you know when it's time for your redetermination.

What If I Don't Have a Birth Certificate?

If you or your child was born in Mississippi, you can get a new birth certificate by mail, phone, or online:

- You can obtain a short form birth certificate for \$7 or a long form for \$12. You only need a long form to apply for your child *and* yourself.
- To apply by mail, ask a Medicaid worker for an application, and mail the completed application and the fee to: Mississippi Vital Records, P.O. Box 1700, Jackson, MS 39215-1700. The fee can be paid either by a check from a Mississippi bank, a cashier's check, or a postal money order, payable to Mississippi Vital Records.
- To apply by phone (and pay the fee by credit card), call 601-576-7981.
- To apply online (and pay the fee by credit card), go to www.msdh.state.ms.us.
- You can also go in person to the Mississippi Vital Records office at 571 Stadium Drive in Jackson and pay by cash, check or money order.
- If you or your child was born in a different state in the United States, you can get a birth certificate from that state. The Medicaid office can tell you how to do this.
- If you or your child was born outside of the United States, you can bring a green card instead of a birth certificate.
- If you already have a passport, you can bring that instead of a birth certificate.

REMEMBER!

You do not have to prove that you are a citizen or in the United States legally to get benefits for your child (if your child is a citizen or legal resident).