



FAQs

What is the proposed Medicaid work requirement?

The proposed Mississippi Medicaid work requirement is also known as the “Medicaid Workforce Training Initiative Demonstration Waiver”, the “Mississippi Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Proposal” and the “Medicaid Workforce Training Initiative 1115 Demonstration Waiver Application”.

The Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) is seeking permission from the federal government (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) to require that Medicaid enrollees work or participate in approved work activities at least 20 hours per week. All those who would be subject to the work requirement would have to provide proof of these hours to gain or maintain coverage.



When would the work requirement take effect?

If approved, DOM plans to implement the work requirement July 1, 2019 for new applicants and January 1, 2020 for annual renewals.



Would a Medicaid work requirement impact my family or me?

A Medicaid work requirement in Mississippi would apply to adults between the ages of 19-65 who have no physical or mental disability preventing them from employment. A Medicaid work requirement would not apply to children, seniors, pregnant women, or individuals with disabilities.



What would happen if I did not meet the work requirement?

Should someone prove unable to meet the requirement, they would be dis-enrolled from Medicaid health coverage.



Will the state have to provide unemployed Medicaid enrollees with opportunities to meet the work requirements?

Federal regulations do not require states to provide job search or training programs to Medicaid enrollees who would be subject to a work requirement. In fact, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services guidelines explicitly prohibit using Medicaid dollars to provide employment services.



Where can I go for help?

If you have further questions about the proposed work requirement and how it might impact you or your family, please contact Health Help Mississippi at **www.healthhelpms.org** or call 1-877-314-3843



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