

Medicaid Work Requirements Waiver Information Sheet – Mississippi

What are Medicaid work requirements?

Section 1115 Medicaid demonstration waivers provide states the ability to test new approaches in Medicaid that differ from federal program rules. In January 2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a State Medicaid Director Letter (SMDL) which provided guidance to states on making work/community engagement (CE) requirements a condition of obtaining Medicaid eligibility under Section 1115 demonstration waivers.

What is the status of Mississippi's waiver request?

It was submitted on January 26, 2018 and is **pending**.

Who is affected by Mississippi's waiver request?

The waiver request affects non-exempt adults between the age of 19 and 65.

There are exemptions and they include people who are:

- Diagnosed with a mental illness.
- Receiving SSDI or SSI
- A primary caregiver for a person who cannot care for themselves.
- Physically or mentally unable to work.
- Receiving or has applied for unemployment insurance.
- Taking part in an alcohol or other drug abuse treatment program.
- Enrolled in an institution of higher learning at least half time.
- Attending high school at least half-time.
- Receiving treatment for cancer.

How can people satisfy this requirement?

The requirement may be satisfied in the following ways:

- Working in paid employment for at least 20 hours per week.
- Self-employment for at least 20 hours per week.
- Participation with the Office of Employment Security.
- Volunteering with approved agencies.
- Participating in an alcohol or drug abuse treatment program.
- Compliance with SNAP and TANF work requirements.

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How are AI/AN people affected?

The state has sought an AI/AN waiver.

Has Mississippi applied for an AI/AN waiver?

Yes.

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