Mississippi Strategies to
Medicaid Services and Immigrant Coverage

Medicaid Administration

States design their Medicaid programs using different administrative structures and oversight mechanisms. Approaches may include the use of managed care, medical loss ratio requirements, site-neutral payment policies, vendor partnerships for enrollment, and coordination with Medicare. This section assesses how states administer Medicaid to balance efficiency, oversight, and consumer protections. Strategies examined in this section include:

States Utilize Medicaid Managed Care

States Partner with Vendors for Medicaid Enrollment and/or Eligibility

Medicaid-Medicare Integration

Medicaid Covered-Services

State Medicaid programs vary in the range of services they cover beyond federal minimum requirements. Some states have expanded coverage to include fertility treatments, doula services, abortion care, gender -affirming services, hearing aids, vision care, and dental services. This section reviews the extent to which states provide enhanced benefits to improve access and health outcomes. Strategies examined in this section include:

Medicaid Coverage for Fertility Services

Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services

Medicaid Coverage for Abortion Care

Medicaid Coverage for Gender Affirming Care

Medicaid Coverage for Hearing Aids

Medicaid Coverage for Eye Exams and Glasses

Medicaid Coverage for Dental Services

Medicaid Eligibility

Eligibility rules determine who can access Medicaid coverage and the scope of their benefits. States can expand eligibility through Medicaid expansion, extend postpartum coverage, provide continuous eligibility, and adjust asset and income rules for specific populations. Some states also provide coverage to individuals reentering the community after incarceration. This section examines how states structure Medicaid eligibility to promote access and continuity of care. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Medicaid Expansion
- Retroactive Medicaid
- Continuous Eligibility for Adults Enrolled in Medicaid
- 12-Month Postpartum Coverage
- Medicaid Coverage for Re-Entry Populations
- Expanded Asset Limits for Adults Enrolled in a Medicaid Aged, Blind, or Disabled Program
- Life Insurance Exemptions for Eligibility in Medicaid for Aged, Blind and Disabled Program
- Retirement Account Exemptions for Eligibility in Medicaid for Aged, Blind and Disabled Program

Immigrant Coverage

States may extend coverage to immigrants who are otherwise excluded from federal programs, such as undocumented children or adults. Additional policies include state-funded options for prenatal, postpartum, or child health coverage, as well as coverage for lawfully present immigrants without a five-year waiting period. This section evaluates state actions to close coverage gaps for immigrant populations. Strategies examined in this section include:

- Coverage Options for Pregnant Immigrants (FCEP and Postpartum Coverage)
- Coverage for Immigrant Children without a Five-Year Bar
- State-Funded Coverage Options for Undocumented Children
- State-Funded Coverage Options for Undocumented Adults

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Medicaid Administration

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Medicaid Managed Care (MCO)	State partners with MCOs to operate their Medicaid program	Mississippi's MCO program, MississippiCAN, covers most beneficiaries including adults, newborns, children, and individuals with disabilities.
Medicaid Vendor — Eligibility and Enrollment	tate does not contract with a vendor for their Medicaid enrollment or eligibility*	
Integrated Medicaid-Medicare	State does not integrate Medicare-Medicaid to coordinate care for the dually eligible population	

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Medicaid Covered Services

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Medicaid Coverage for Fertility Services	⊗ State Medicaid program does not cover infertility treatments or fertility preservation services	
Medicaid Coverage for Doula Services	⊗ The state Medicaid program does not reimburse doula services	
Medicaid Coverage for Abortion Care	⊗ State Medicaid program does not cover abortion care in their benefits package	
Medicaid Coverage for Transition-Related Care	◉ State Medicaid program does not explicitly cover transition-related care for adults	State Medicaid has no explicit and/or clear policy regarding transition-related healthcare for adults.
Medicaid Coverage for Hearing Aids	● State Medicaid program covers hearing aids for all adults	
Medicaid Coverage for Eye Exams and Glasses	◉ State Medicaid program covers only eye exams or eyeglasses but not both, or biannually or less frequently, or restricts coverage based on age or health condition (see notes)	Exams and glasses are covered once every 5 years.
Medicaid Coverage for Dental Services	◉ State Medicaid program covers some dental services for adults (see notes)	Mississippi Medicaid only offers coverage for diagnostic services and emergency extractions. It does not cover dentures, root canals, preventive services, fillings, or crowns.

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Medicaid Eligibility

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
Medicaid Expansion	⊗ State has not expanded Medicaid eligibility to 138% of the federal poverty level (FPL)	
Retroactive Medicaid	● State retroactively extends Medicaid benefits 90 days prior to application date for all adult enrollees	
Adult Medicaid Continuous Eligibility	⊗ State has not authorized 12-month continuous eligibility for non-pregnant adult Medicaid enrollees*	
12-Month Postpartum Coverage	● State has authorized 12-month postpartum Medicaid coverage	
Medicaid Available to People who are Incarcerated	⊗ State has not authorized Medicaid coverage for justice-involved individuals while they are in a correctional setting*	
Medicaid Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Asset Limits	⊗ State has not expanded the asset limit for Medicaid for the Elderly and Disabled eligibility beyond $2,000 for an individual applicant and $3,000 for joint applicants	
Medicaid Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Life Insurance Exemption	● Life insurance exemption limits exceed $1,500	Mississippi's Medicaid asset limit exemption for life insurance is $10,000.
Medicaid Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Retirement Account Exemptions	● State exempts both applicants' and spouses' retirement savings from Medicaid eligibility determinations	Applicant and/or spouse's retirement account must be in payout status (i.e. generating monthly income) in order to be exempt.

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Immigrant Coverage

Policy	Status as of June 2025	Summary
From Conception to End of Pregnancy (FCEP)	⊗ Does not cover pregnancy-related services through the CHIP From-Conception-to-End-of-Pregnancy (FCEP) Option or post-partum coverage	
Immigrant Children without a Five-Year Bar	⊗ State does not offer coverage for lawfully residing immigrant children without a five-year bar	
Pregnant Immigrants without a Five-Year Bar	⊗ Does not offer coverage for lawfully residing pregnant immigrants without a five-year bar	
State-Funded Coverage for Children Regardless of Citizenship Status	⊗ Does not offer coverage for children regardless of immigration status	
State-Funded Coverage for Adults Regardless of Citizenship Status	⊗ Does not offer coverage for adults regardless of immigration status	

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