

AGING STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT PROJECT

State Profile for

MISSISSIPPI

Home- and Community-based Services for Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities

Background

- Mississippi's 60+ population was 516,129 in 2008 (17.6% of the state's total population), with 14.4% below the federal poverty level.¹
- The 60+ population is projected to be 777,435 in 2025 (25.3% of the state's total population).²
- About 24.2% of all households in 2007 had one or more persons age 65 years and older, and 52.9% of persons age 65 years and older had a disability.³
- Of the 717,435 Medicaid beneficiaries in the state in 2003, 9.8% were aged, 21.6% were blind and disabled, 21.1% were Dual Eligible, and 1.8% were HCBS waiver beneficiaries.⁴
- Medicaid expenditures for institutional long-term care were 87.3% of total long-term-care expenditures, compared to 12.7% for HCBS in fiscal year 2007.⁵

Abbreviations

AAA	Area Agency on Aging
ADL	Activities of Daily Living
AoA	Administration on Aging
CMS	Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
HCBS	Home- and Community-based Services
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living
MRDD	Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities
OAA	Older Americans Act
PACE	Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly
SUA	State Unit on Aging

¹ Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging. (2009). *AGing Integrated Database (AGID): American Community Survey (ACS) demographic data 2004-2007 and state-level population estimates data 2000-2008* [Data files]. Available from <http://198.136.163.234/default.asp>

² Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Aging. (2009). *Aging statistics: Projected future growth of the Older population; By state: 2005-2030; Aged 60 and above* [Data files]. Available from http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/Aging_Statistics/future_growth/future_growth.aspx.

³ Reimbursement and Research Department, American Health Care Association. (2006, August 29). *The state long-term health care sector 2005: Characteristics, utilization, and government funding*. Washington, DC: Author.

⁴ U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 American Community Survey, United States and States. *Percent of households with one or more people 65 years and over (R1104) and Percent of people 65 years and over with a disability (R1803)*.

⁵ Burwell, B., Sredl, K., & Eiken, S. (2008, September 26). *Medicaid long term care expenditures FY 2007*. Eagan, MN: Thomson Reuters.

Government Structure to Manage HCBS

- **SUA:** Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services (MDHS/DAAS). www.mdhs.state.ms.us/aas.html
- **State Medicaid Agency:** Mississippi Division of Medicaid Long-term Care Bureau. www.medicaid.ms.gov/
- Mississippi does not have a consolidated agency for long-term-care programs. The following agencies handle long-term care: Mississippi Division of Medicaid, Mississippi Department of Human Services/Division of Aging and Adult Services, Department of Rehabilitation and the Department of Mental Health.
- The director of Mississippi's SUA reports to the director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services, who reports to the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, who reports to the Governor.
- Mississippi has 10 Area Agencies on Aging.
- In Mississippi, the Home and Community Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver is administered through the Medicaid agency, which subcontracts with the local AAAs.

Single Point of Entry (SPE)/Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC)

- Mississippi has an ADRC that is not statewide.
- All ADRC sites have a physical (bricks and mortar) infrastructure; all ADRC sites operate under a virtual model. There are nine resource centers.
- In addition to serving older adults, Mississippi's ADRC serves adults with disabilities, caregivers and anyone looking for information.

Assessment Process

Medicaid

- For Medicaid applicants, in determining functional eligibility for nursing home pre-admission, Mississippi

requires an in-person assessment by someone other than nursing home staff. The assessment is conducted by the Division of Medicaid Long-term Care Bureau.

Non-Medicaid

- For non-Medicaid applicants in Mississippi, nursing home pre-admission assessment is not performed by someone other than nursing home staff.

State Medicaid Plan

- Mississippi provides HCBS through the state Medicaid plan.
- Refer to Table 1 for specific services provided.

Medicaid Waivers

- Mississippi has two waivers that provide HCBS to older adults and/or adults with physical disabilities. These are: Disabled Waiver, and the Home and Community Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver.
- **Disabled Waiver:** *Information not reported.*
- **Home and Community Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver:** In addition to serving older adults, this program also serves those with physical disabilities and those with Alzheimer's disease, dementia or related conditions. Applicants must be deficient in three ADLs. There are consumer-directed options available in this waiver.
- Refer to Table 2 for an overview of selected HCBS programs. Table 1 shows the types of services offered under each program.

CMS-funded Programs and Grants

- *Information not reported.*

State-funded HCBS Programs

- Mississippi does not have state-funded programs that provide HCBS to older adults and/or adults with physical disabilities.

Locally Funded HCBS Programs

- Mississippi uses local funds for HCBS for older adults and/or adults with physical disabilities.
- In Mississippi, local funds are primarily used as a match to providers for certain services, including OAA Title III services.

OAA-funded Programs and Grants

- Refer to Table 1 for services provided through Title III of the OAA.
- Mississippi does not use cost-sharing mechanisms or sliding fee scales in the delivery of Title III services.

Social Service Block Grants (SSBG) and Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) for HCBS

- Mississippi uses SSBG to provide HCBS for older adults and/or adults with physical disabilities.
- SSBG funds are distributed to the AAAs, which use the funding to provide services. The funds are often combined with OAA Title III and Title V monies. Sometimes the funds are used for fund congregate meals.
- Mississippi uses CSBG to provide HCBS for older adults and/or adults with physical disabilities.

Consumer Direction

- Mississippi offers consumer-directed options. The HCBS program in the state that offers consumer direction is the Home and Community Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver.

Managed Care

- *Information not reported.*

Major Accomplishments and Initiatives

- The ADRC and its further development will have a major impact in Mississippi.

Table 1: Types of Home- and Community-based Services Provided Under Mississippi’s Programs for Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities

Types of Services	Program Type / Funding Source			
	Medicaid Waivers		State Medicaid Plan	OAA Title III
	Disability	Home and Community Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver		
Adult Day Care / Adult Day Health				X
Assisted Living				
Caregiver Services / Respite / Education		X		
Case Management / Care Coordination		X		X
Chore / Homemaking		X		X
Companion Services / Socialization Activities				
Employment				
Equipment / Supplies / Modifications / Assistive Technology				
Health Promotion Activities		X		
Home Health / Personal Care			X	X
Information / Assistance / Referral		X		X
Legal Assistance / Financial Advice				X
Medical / Dental / Medication Care				
Mental and Behavioral Health Services				
Nursing				
Nutrition / Meals		X	X	X
Personal Supports for Community Living / Transitioning				
Rehabilitation / Therapy				
Residential Services				
Transportation		X	X	X
Other/Unspecified HCBS				

Table 2: Selected HCBS for Older Adults and Adults with Physical Disabilities in Mississippi

Program Type / Funding Source	Program Name	Ages Served	Nursing Home Level of Care Required	Entity Responsible for Functional Assessment	Entity Responsible for Financial Assessment	Entity Responsible for Case Management	Waiting List (Number)	Consumer Direction Option
Medicaid Waivers	Disabled Waiver	Information not reported	Information not reported	N/A	Information not reported	Information not reported	Information not reported	Information not reported
	Home and Community Based Elderly and Disabled Waiver	21+	Yes	Physician	State agency	Area Agency on Aging	Yes	Yes

