

Medicaid is Vital to Mississippi's Children

Medicaid, or Mississippi Health Benefits, is a public health insurance program designed to help people who otherwise could not afford health coverage.

Medicaid is a lifeline to children and families in Mississippi and is built with children's unique needs in mind.

60% of people enrolled in Medicaid in Mississippi are children



Medicaid pays for 57% of Mississippi births

Helps ensure access to critical prenatal care, maternity care, and postpartum services.



Medicaid covers 49% of all Mississippi children

Insures children in low-income families and nearly all children in foster care.



Medicaid covers 62% of children in Mississippi with special health care needs

Provides medical, behavioral health, and long term care for children with special health care needs and disabilities.



Medicaid is the largest source of federal funding for mental health services

Supports mental and behavioral health treatment for children, adolescents, and adults.

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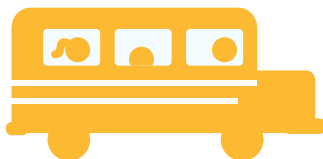
The federal government contributes \$3.33 to Medicaid for every \$1 Mississippi invests.



36% of federal funding sent to Mississippi is for Medicaid, which is about \$5.1 billion annually.

Medicaid is a smart long-term investment in children.

Children enrolled in Medicaid:



Miss fewer school days



Are more likely to graduate from high school



Grow up to be healthier adults



Earn higher wages



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