



For additional information on the grading methodology, please visit the State of the States Report: [rareaction.org/stateofthestates](http://rareaction.org/stateofthestates)

## Medicaid Eligibility

Overall Grade: C

Eligibility for childless adults	F
Eligibility for parent of a dependent child	D
Eligibility for pregnant women	B
Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility for children	B

## Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers

Overall Grade: Fail

Mississippi has sought a section 1115 waiver to implement a work requirement in its Medicaid program, but the waiver has yet to be approved by the federal government.

## Out-of-Pocket Costs

Overall Grade: F

Prescription drug cost sharing protections	F
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## Step Therapy

Overall Grade: C

Based on clinical practice	A
Timeline	D
Exception process	B
Categories of exceptions	C
Subsequent guidance from state	F

## Medical Nutrition

Overall Grade: D

Coverage requirements for commercial health plans	F
Covered disorders requirements for commercial health plans	F
Coverage requirements for state-run programs	C
Covered disorders requirements for state-run programs	D

## Newborn Screening

Overall Grade: B

Screening for RUSP core conditions	B
Adding RUSP core conditions to the state panel	B
Funding for program	B
Use of dried blood spots (DBS)	D
Follow-up	A
Quality of program	A
Advisory committee	B

## Rare Disease Advisory Councils

Mississippi commissioned a study of rare diseases instead of enacting a rare disease advisory council.

## Individual Insurance Market Protections

**Pre-existing conditions protections:** Only current federal protections apply in Mississippi.

**Short-term, limited-duration and association health plans:** Mississippi does not place any stricter limitations than current federal standards on short-term, limited-duration health plans. Self-funded association health plans must satisfy the same licensure and financial standards as commercial insurers.

**Reinsurance:** Mississippi has not yet sought a section 1332 waiver to establish a reinsurance program.