

Mississippi Respite Voucher Program



What is respite (res-pit)?

Respite is a short and temporary break from continuous hands on care for a loved one. It is designed to provide relief to the caregiver of a dependent person of any age with a significant disability, or chronic illness.

How does the Respite Voucher Program work?

Through a grant to the Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS), funds were approved to provide respite care vouchers to eligible family caregivers. These vouchers may be used to pay an in-home care agency, an Adult Day Center, or a private individual to provide respite care.

Vouchers are provided in the amount of \$200.00 per household to approved family caregivers.

Vouchers can only be used to pay for breaks (respite) for caregivers. They may not be used to:

- Pay the family caregiver directly for the care he/she is providing
- Pay for care of a loved one while the caregiver goes to work
- Pay for care that occurred before the voucher was issued
- Pay medical bills or purchase medical supplies
- Offset the cost of paid care already in place

Who is eligible?

Mississippi caregivers providing unpaid care for a dependent person of any age with a significant disability, or chronic illness requiring 24/7 care.

How to apply?

Call (1-844-822-4622) MS Access to Care Center and speak to a Resource Specialist to receive assistance with completing an application or to request an application from your local office below.

Greenville MAC (662) 537-2105 Gulfport MAC (228) 868-2311

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