

Mississippi Division of Aging and Adult Services



State Agency Mission

Assist aging and vulnerable adults, their families, and caregivers in achieving healthy, safe, and independent lifestyles, through advocacy, protection, education and stewardship for public resources.

Populations Served

- Older Adults**
- Adults with Physical Disabilities**
- Adults with Developmental Disabilities
- Individuals with Traumatic and/or Acquired Brain Injuries
- Individuals with Behavioral Health Conditions
- Individuals with Substance Use Disorders

Organizational Structure

The director is appointed by the Governor and oversees a staff of 23 FTE.

Local Network

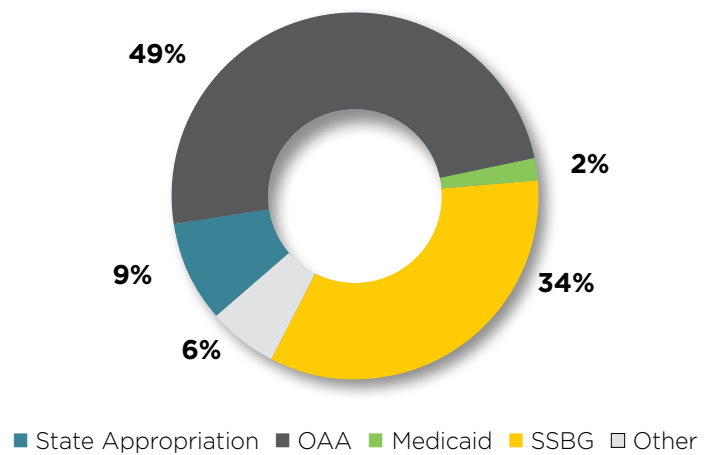
- 10** Area Agencies on Aging
- 1** Independent Living Center

Top Five Agency Policy Priorities

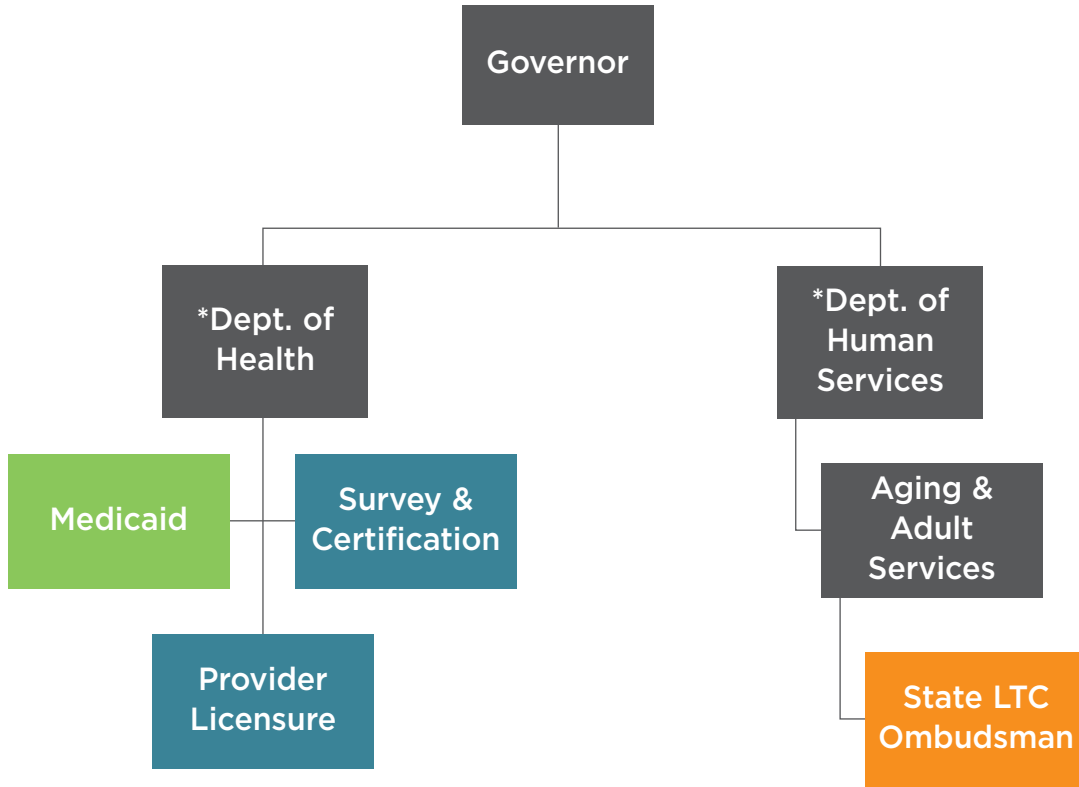
1. Delivering Services Remotely During COVID
2. COVID-related Closures of Providers
3. Adult Protective Services
4. Supporting Caregivers
5. Addressing Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity in Services

Agency Funding Sources

Total FY2020 Budget \$27,510,989



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Aging or Physical Disability Services and Agency or Division with Multiple Functions ■ Medicaid Services ■ Long-term Care Ombudsman ■ Provider Regulation and Oversight | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advisory Board Denotes an advisory board or a contractual/indirect reporting relationship. * Denotes Cabinet-level Agency |
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Responsibilities of Mississippi’s Division of Aging and Adult Services

Aging & Adult Services	
Set statewide aging policy	✓
Set statewide disability policy	
Administer Older Americans Act (all programs except SCSEP)	✓
Administer Senior Community Service Employment Program	
Administer a state-funded aging & disability program	
Manage state Aging & Disability Resource Center network	✓
Administer the State Health Insurance Assistance Program	✓
Provide Adult Protective Services (18+)	✓
Provide Elder Protective Services <i>only</i> (60-65+)	
Operate state-owned institutional facilities	
Oversee guardianship program	
Serve as state guardian	
Oversee Centers for Independent Living	
Administer State Vocational Rehabilitation Program	
Administer State Assistive Technology Program	
Manage No Wrong Door system	✓

Medicaid Services	
Administer Medicaid State Plan Services	
Administer Medicaid HCBS waiver(s)	
Administer PACE program	
Perform Medicaid functional eligibility determinations	
Perform Medicaid financial eligibility determinations	
Provide case management services to Medicaid recipients	
Administer PASRR	
Regulate and administer managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for managed long-term services and supports	
Provide quality assurance for Medicaid HCBS	

Responsibilities for Provider Management	
Regulate institutional providers	
License institutional providers	
Regulate HCBS providers	✓
License HCBS providers	

Key State Initiative

Respite Voucher Program

The Respite Voucher Program offers vouchers that may be used to pay an in-home care agency, an Adult Day Center, or a private individual to provide respite care. Mississippi caregivers providing unpaid care for a dependent person of any age with a significant disability, or chronic illness requiring care are eligible to apply. Vouchers are provided in the amount of \$300.00 per household to approved family caregivers. Once approved the caregiver can reapply for repeat respite service after six months from the initial approval date. Caregivers can also apply for emergency respite in an emergency or unusual circumstance that is an unplanned situation that prevents the caregiver from providing the care required to the care recipient. Caregivers can apply by contacting a Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center and receiving assistance from a resource specialist. The MAC Center network is Mississippi's No Wrong Door for access to information, assistance, and person-centered counseling.

