

# ALABAMA



	Alabama, 2008	United States, 2008
<b>Population<sup>1</sup></b>	4,661,900	304,059,724
<b>Medicaid Enrollment<sup>2</sup></b>	697, 961	43,601,565
<b>CHIP Enrollment<sup>3</sup></b>	71,251	4,835,639
<b>% of Pop. on Medicaid</b>	14.97%	14.34%
<b>% of Pop. on CHIP</b>	1.53%	1.59%
<b>Medicaid FMAP<sup>4</sup></b>	67.62%	50% - 76.29%
<b>CHIP FMAP<sup>5</sup></b>	77.33%	65% - 83.40%
<b>% Managed Care<sup>6</sup></b>	65.95%	70.91%

This State profile provides background information about Alabama’s Medicaid program to improve the interpretation and use of the Chronic Condition Data Warehouse (CCW) Medicaid data. The State profile presents data from 2008, where possible, to supplement the 2008 CCW Medicaid data.<sup>7</sup>

The Alabama Medicaid Agency administers Alabama’s Medicaid program and the Department of Public Health administers ALL KIDS, the State’s standalone CHIP program which operates independent of Alabama’s Medicaid program.

## MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY, ENROLLMENT, AND SERVICES COVERED

### Eligibility & Enrollment

In addition to mandatory Federal Medicaid eligibility groups, States have the authority to cover optional groups under their Medicaid and CHIP programs. Table 1 lists some of the most commonly covered optional eligibility groups and indicates which of these Alabama covers. Alabama covers 3 optional eligibility groups.<sup>8,9</sup>

TABLE 1: ALABAMA’S OPTIONAL ELIGIBILITY GROUPS, 2008<sup>10</sup>

COVERED (√)	COMMON OPTIONAL ELIGIBILITY GROUPS
	Infants up to age 1 and pregnant women not covered under the mandatory rules whose family income is no more than 185 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL).
√	Children under age 21 who meet criteria more liberal than the AFDC income and resources requirements.
	Institutionalized individuals, and individuals in home and community-based waiver (HCBS) programs, who are eligible under a "special income level", up to 300 percent of the SSI benefit rate.
√	Individuals who would be eligible if institutionalized, but who are receiving care under HCBS waivers.
	Certain aged, blind, or disabled adults who have incomes above those requiring mandatory coverage, but below the FPL.
	Aged, blind, or disabled recipients of state supplementary income payments.
	Certain working-and-disabled persons with family income less than 250 percent of the FPL who would qualify for SSI if they did not work.
√	Certain uninsured or low-income women who are screened for breast or cervical cancer.
	"Medically needy" persons would be eligible for Medicaid under one of the mandatory or optional groups, except their income and/or resources are above the state’s eligibility level.

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*Services Covered*

States have the authority to cover optional services for their Medicaid and CHIP beneficiaries in addition to those mandated in the Social Security Act. Table 2 lists some of the optional services frequently covered by state Medicaid programs and indicates which of these are covered in Alabama. Alabama covers 12 of the commonly covered optional services.<sup>11</sup>

**PAYMENTS OUTSIDE OF MMIS**

For Medicaid, claims processing and information retrieval is completed through the Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) unless the Secretary of Health and Human Services has waived this requirement. MMIS is designed to promote program control, administrative cost control, service oversight, claims control, and management reporting.<sup>12</sup> Most of Alabama’s Medicaid claims are processed through the State’s MMIS.<sup>13</sup>

**TABLE 2: ALABAMA'S OPTIONAL SERVICES, 2008**

COVERED (√)	COMMON OPTIONAL SERVICES
√	Case management services
	Chiropractic services
√	Clinic services
√	Prosthetic devices
	Dentures
	Occupational therapy
	Diagnostic, screening, and preventative services
√	Hospice care
	Dental services for adults
√	Inpatient psychiatric services for persons under age 21
√	HCBS for individuals with disabilities and chronic medical conditions
√	Optometrists' services and eyeglasses
	Personal care services
	Physical therapy
	Podiatrist services
√	Prescribed drugs
	Private duty nurses
	Speech, hearing and language therapy
√	Rehabilitative services
√	Transportation services
√	Services for persons age 65 or older in mental institutions
√	Intermediate care facility services for persons with MR/DD and related conditions

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## WAIVERS

While Medicaid law provides States with flexibility in program design, States can also apply for waivers through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Waivers authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to waive federal requirements to allow States expand the populations and/or services covered by their State programs. Alabama operates 7 waivers under its Medicaid program as shown in Table 3.<sup>15</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau. (2008). "Annual Estimates of the Resident Population for the United States, Regions, States, and Puerto Rico: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008." Available from: [http://www.census.gov/popest/data/historical/2000s/vintage\\_2008/index.html](http://www.census.gov/popest/data/historical/2000s/vintage_2008/index.html)
- <sup>2</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation. (June 2008). "Monthly Medicaid Enrollment (in thousands)." Available from: <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparamtable.jsp?ind=774&cat=4&sub=52&yr=1&typ=1>
- <sup>3</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation. (June 2008). "Monthly CHIP Enrollment." Available from: <http://www.statehealthfacts.org/comparamtable.jsp?ind=236&cat=4>
- <sup>4</sup> Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. (2008). "FY 2008, Federal Financial Participation in State Assistance Expenditures." Available from: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/fmap08.htm>
- <sup>5</sup> Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. (2008). "FY 2008, Federal Financial Participation in State Assistance Expenditures." Available from: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/health/fmap08.htm>
- <sup>6</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (2008) "Medicaid Managed Care Enrollment Report as of June 30, 2008." Available from: <http://communityplans.net/ResourceCenternbsp;/MedicaidManagedCareData/tabid/361/Default.aspx>
- <sup>7</sup> 2008 is the most recent complete CCW Medicaid data set at the time of this publication.
- <sup>8</sup> Alabama Medicaid Agency. (2011). "A Medicaid Primer." Available from: [http://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/3.0\\_Apply/3.1\\_General\\_Info/3.1\\_What\\_is\\_Medicaid.pdf](http://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/3.0_Apply/3.1_General_Info/3.1_What_is_Medicaid.pdf)
- <sup>9</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (no date). "Medicaid State Plan Amendments." Available from: <http://www.medicare.gov/State-Resource-Center/Medicaid-State-Plan-Amendments/Medicaid-State-Plan-Amendments.html>
- <sup>10</sup> The optional eligibility groups reflected in this table are those that were covered by the State's Medicaid program in 2008.
- <sup>11</sup> Kaiser Family Foundation. (2008). "Benefits by States: Alabama (October 2008)." <http://medicaidbenefits.kff.org/state.jsp?st=1&yr=4&cat=0&nt=on>
- <sup>12</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (2012). "Medicaid Management Information Systems (MMIS)." Available from: <http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/MMIS/index.html?redirect=/MMIS/>
- <sup>13</sup> Personal communication with Alabama Medicaid Agency Staff (2008).
- <sup>14</sup> The waivers reflected in this table are those that were in existence in 2008.
- <sup>15</sup> Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. (no date) "Waivers." Available from: <http://www.medicare.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/Waivers.html>

TABLE 3: POPULATIONS AND SERVICES COVERED IN ALABAMA'S MEDICAID WAIVERS, 2008<sup>14</sup>

1115 Waiver

#### Alabama Plan First

*Women, ages 19 to 55, with a family income at or below 133% FPL, who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid or Medicare, and do have any other health insurance coverage*  
Provides family planning and family related services

1915(b) Waiver

#### Alabama Patient 1<sup>st</sup>

*Medicaid beneficiaries except those with Medicare, foster children, SOBRA eligible adults and those in another comprehensive plan*  
Coordinates primary and preventive care

1915(c) Waivers

#### Alabama Individuals with HIV/AIDS & Related Illnesses

*Persons with HIV/AIDS ages 21 and older*

Provides for case management, homemaker, personal care, respite, companion, skilled nursing

#### HBS Waiver for Persons with Mental Retardation

*Individuals with mental retardation, ages 3 and older*

Provides day habilitative, personal care, prevocational, residential habilitative, respite, supported employment, adult companion, behavior therapy, community specialist services, crisis intervention, environmental accessibility adaptations, occupational therapy, physical therapy, skilled nursing, specialized medical equipment, specialized medical supplies, speech/language therapy

#### State of Alabama Independent Living (SAIL)

*Persons with physical disabilities, ages 18 – 60*

Covers case management, personal care, assistive technology repairs, assistive technology, environmental accessibility adaptations, evaluation for assistive technology, medical supplies, minor assistive technology, personal assistance service, personal emergency response system installation and monthly fee

#### HCBS Living at Home Waiver for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities

*Individuals with mental retardation, ages 3 and older*

Provides day habilitative, personal care, prevocational, respite, supported employment, behavior therapy, community specialist services, crisis intervention, environmental accessibility adaptations, occupational therapy, physical therapy, residential habilitative other living arrangement, skilled nursing, specialized medical equipment, specialized medical supplies, speech and language therapy

#### Technology Assisted Waiver

*Technology dependent individuals ages 21 and older*

Provides assistive technology, medical supplies, personal care/attendant services, private duty nursing