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## 1 Legislative Request

This report is in response to the legislative requirement in the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act (House Bill 1090). Section 3 requires:

“The department shall have the eligibility verification service required by this section implemented and operational not later than July 1, 2019. The department shall submit a report every six (6) months on its progress on implementing the eligibility verification service to the Chairmen of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, the House Public Health and Human Services Committee and the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee, and the House and Senate Medicaid Committees. The report also shall be provided to the other members of the Legislature upon request.”

This report was prepared by the Mississippi Division of Medicaid (DOM) and Mississippi Department of Human Services (MDHS).

## 2 Executive Summary

DOM and MDHS are pleased to submit this Bi-Annual Status Report on the progress on the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act (House Bill 1090).

DOM and MDHS jointly launched the Health and Human Services Transformation Project or “HHSTP” in July 2017 to accomplish the goals of House Bill 1090 by the deadlines specified in Section 25. DOM and MDHS submitted the first required report on July 11, 2017. That report focused on satisfying all provisions of Section 2 and securing federal approvals and funding. This Bi-Annual Status Report will provide status on all sections of House Bill 1090.

DOM and MDHS have completed/implemented or cannot implement based on federal regulations approximately 95% of the applicable twenty-three provisions of House Bill 1090 and are currently working to implement the remainder of the provisions. Table 1 below provides an overview of the status of these provisions with further detail provided in the corresponding narrative in Section 4.

**TABLE 1: HOUSE BILL 1090 SUMMARY OF PROVISION STATUS**

SECTION #	SECTION TITLE	STATUS
1	Short Title	Acknowledged
2	Integration of eligibility systems	Complete
3	Real-time eligibility verification service	Complete
4	Enhanced eligibility verification process	Complete
5	Enhanced identity authentication process	Complete
6	Discrepancies and case review	Complete
7	Referrals for fraud, misrepresentation, or inadequate documentation	Complete
8	Reporting	Complete
9	Transparency in Medicaid	Complete
10	Work Requirements	Complete
11	Federal asset limits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Complete
12	Broad-based categorical eligibility	Complete
13	Sharing enrollee information across agencies	In-progress
14	Maximum family grant	Complete
15	Verify identities and household composition, and all expenses of welfare applicants	Complete
16	Full cooperation with fraud investigations	Prohibited by Federal Regulations
17	Gaps in eligibility reporting	Complete
18	Noncompliance with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program rules	Complete
19	Noncompliance with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program rules	Complete
20	Out-of-state spending	SNAP Provided/TANF

SECTION #	SECTION TITLE	STATUS
		Prohibited by Federal Regulations
21	Public Reporting	Complete
22	Pilot program for photos on EBT cards	Determined not to be feasible/ Significant negative cost-benefit ratio
23	Limits on spending location	Complete
24	Excessive EBT card loss	Complete
25	Timeframes	Acknowledged

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### 3 Background

As required by House Bill 1090, DOM and MDHS delivered an initial report on July 11, 2017 on Section 2 and the progress toward submitting an Advanced Planning Document (APD). Building on work already in progress between the two agencies prior to the enactment of House Bill 1090 (Hope Act), DOM and MDHS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to develop a vision of interoperability and shared services leveraging 90/10 Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and A-87 Cost Allocation Exception. DOM and MDHS finalized a joint vision in January 2017, drafted the APD in parallel to the 2017 Legislative Session, and submitted it shortly after the passage of the HOPE Act in April 2017. This approach enabled DOM and MDHS to act on the legislation quickly while giving the State the maximum time available to leverage the A-87 Exception, which expired at the end of 2018. DOM and MDHS reported in the July 11, 2017 initial report that our Federal partners, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) have approved the APD. The approved APD allowed DOM and MDHS to receive FFP for approximately \$46M in IT investments with a State share of approximately \$8M or 17%.

DOM and MDHS jointly launched the HHSTP in July 2017 which is dedicated to accomplishing the goals of House Bill 1090 and the APD. As of this report, DOM and MDHS have launched the Common Web Portal (CWP) which has processed 575,000+ applications for enrollment while strengthening program integrity through meeting 76% of the provisions of House Bill 1090. We anticipate House Bill 1090's remaining elements will be satisfied through the Fraud and Abuse Module (FAM). The status of that module is detailed in this document in Section 4.3.

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## 4 Current House Bill 1090 Status

As of July 2024, the current status for each of the Sections of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act is provided below. The Subsections that follow within this report follow the Sections as written in the bill, and all references beyond this point shall constitute references to Sections within the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act, unless otherwise noted.

### 4.1 Short title

*Status: Acknowledged*

DOM and MDHS acknowledge the act shall be known as the "Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act."

### 4.2 Integration of eligibility systems

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS submitted an Initial Advanced Planning Document to CMS and FNS on April 3, 2017 and a final report was submitted to the legislature on July 11, 2017. **All requests made in the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act, Section 2 were included as part of the final Advanced Planning Document. Section 2 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been completed.**

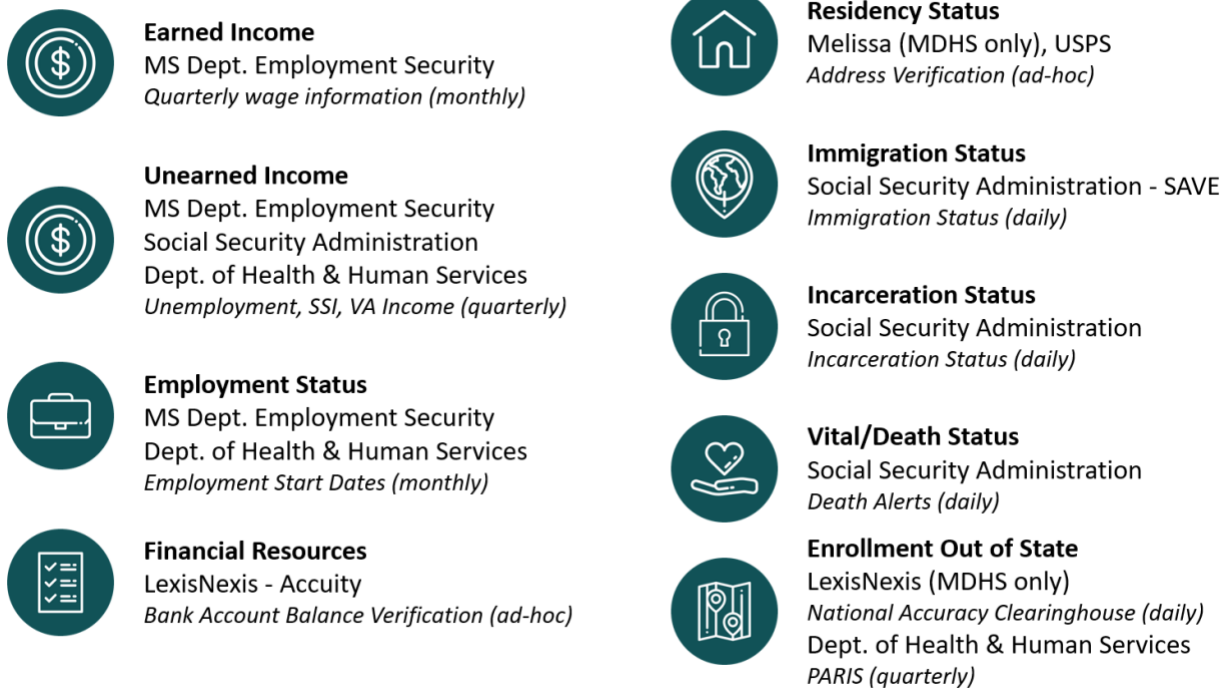
### 4.3 Real-time eligibility verification service

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS have completed capturing requirements for developing a computerized income, asset, residence, and identity eligibility verification service. This service will verify eligibility, eliminate the duplication of assistance, and deter waste, fraud, and abuse within each respective assistance program. DOM and MDHS have carefully defined the aspects of the service, analyzed existing processes, and conducted analysis to maximize value to the State and minimize costs. DOM and MDHS worked to create an RFP for the acquisition of a vendor to assist with the creation of the real-time eligibility verification service and achieve approval from CMS and FNS using the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act and CMS and FNS requirements as guiding documents. **Softheon Inc. was selected as the vendor to provide FAM services. Work began in May 2020 to customize and implement this real-time eligibility verification service. The initial implementation including availability for asset verification services for DOM started in early June 2022, and full functionality for both agencies went live in May 2024. Antiquated MDHS data systems hindered progress in implementing real-time data management. Section 3 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act is in-progress.**

The agencies acknowledge that real-time eligibility service is not currently implemented, however, the agencies believe it relevant to share what data is already being validated or verified. Figure 1 below illustrates which of the requested verifications are already occurring while the agencies work to prepare for the implementation of the FAM, and how often those verifications are reported.

**FIGURE 1: DATA CURRENTLY VERIFIED**



All interfaces are offered at no cost, or are already part of other program budgets, with the exception of LexisNexis - Accuity products.

In January 2019, DOM began utilizing a manual process for asset verification for full coverage Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD) cases during the yearly renewal process. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and consequent CMS guidelines, no renewals were conducted from April 2020 to March 2023. Based on CMS requirements, the State could not drop coverage on current members until the public health emergency ended in March 2023. The asset verification process is also used for new applications. However, from December 1, 2022 until June 30, 2023, there were no ABD applications or renewals denied due to asset verification checks. With the completion of the Fraud and Abuse Module (FAM), DOM has been able to track closures for over assets as well as other closure reasons such as moved out of state (from data shared by MDHS) and entered into a public institution (i.e. MDOC). These changes are now reported quarterly starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2024 and reflected in Figure 2.

MDHS implemented a manual asset verification process for SNAP and TANF applications beginning July 1, 2019. There were approximately 200,879 applications processed and selected for the asset verification review during the period of December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025. Of these cases, 1,892 cases were closed for various reasons, including changes in client income, moves out of state, and other factors. Based on the average monthly allotment for a one-person household, an estimated \$24,596 in benefits per month would have been issued in closed cases. At this time, the agency is unable to determine the number of cases that were closed as a result of information generated during the asset verification process versus those closed for other reasons; therefore, an estimated cost avoidance cannot be projected with confidence. However, when the Fraud Abuse Module (FAM) is fully implemented for MDHS by the end of 2025 the agency may have better estimates.

Additional improvements in business efficiencies may result from technological advancements leading to the planned transition from a manual process to an automated one with integration of the FAM and the eligibility system.

Available costs along with the actual and estimated cost avoidance associated with the asset verification products currently in use are identified in Figure 2.

**FIGURE 2: DATA COSTS & COST AVOIDANCE FOR LEXISNEXIS PRODUCTS CURRENTLY IN USE**

AGENCY	DATE RANGE	COST	COST AVOIDANCE
<b>DOM</b>	1/1/19 – 6/30/19	\$486,511.35	\$715,000.00
	7/1/19 – 11/30/19	\$177,669.00	\$275,000.00
	12/1/19 – 3/31/20	No extra cost	\$209,000.00
	4/1/19 – 11/30/20	\$147,250.00	\$671,000.00
	12/1/20 - 6/30/21	No extra cost	\$44,000.00 (Due to the public health emergency, redeterminations were not completed, but there were new applications denied due to liquid resources identified)
	7/1/21 – 11/30/21	\$279,179.09	\$55,000.00 (Due to the public health emergency, redeterminations were not completed, but there were 5 new applications denied due to liquid resources identified)
	12/1/21 – 6/30/22	No extra cost	\$44,000 (Due to the public health emergency, redeterminations were not completed, but there were 4 new applications denied due to liquid resources identified)
	7/1/22 – 11/30/22	\$275,183.00	\$22,000 (Due to the public health emergency, redeterminations were not completed, but there were 2 new applications denied due to liquid resources identified)

	12/1/22 – 6/30/23	\$2,326.98	\$0 (Due to the public health emergency, redeterminations were not completed)
	7/1/23 – 12/31/23	\$334,344	Estimated \$113,492 – No data was captured due to reporting errors but this estimate is based on subsequent yearly totals
	1/1/24 – 6/30/24	\$56,839	Estimated \$113,492 – No data was captured due to reporting errors but this estimate is based on subsequent yearly totals
	7/1/24 – 12/31/24	\$ 329,129	\$86,622
	1/1/25 – 6/30/25	\$30,233	\$140,363
<b>MDHS</b>	*At this time, the agency is unable to determine the number of cases that were closed as a result of information generated during the asset verification process versus those closed for other reasons; therefore, an estimated cost avoidance cannot be projected with confidence.		
	<b>Grand Totals</b>	<b>\$2,118,664</b>	<b>\$2,488,969</b>

Full implementation of the FAM will require substantial, ongoing expenditures of both state and federal funds by both agencies. In addition, the Social Security Administration has rejected requests from MDHS and DOM to use SSA data to identify and deter fraud (though SSA data is already consistently used in determining program eligibility), and our agencies are not allowed to share IRS data, preventing us from incorporating these tools into the FAM.

#### 4.4 Enhanced eligibility verification process

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS acknowledge the request to verify eligibility for assistance by using the enhanced eligibility verification service established in Section 3(2) of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act as well as periodically reaffirming assets where applicable. DOM and MDHS already terminate recipients within active programs within a maximum of 10 days when the agency receives information about recipients moving out of state.

#### 4.5 Enhanced identity authentication process

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS acknowledge the request to verify identity of applicants before moving to the next stage in the eligibility process and before the possible awarding of assistance. Additionally, the departments acknowledge the request to review the recipient's identity ownership periodically to verify and protect the identity of the recipient. DOM and MDHS have implemented phase 1 of the Common Web Portal and are working to complete the second and final phase of base functionality, including the identity authentication component that will allow for users of the CWP to authenticate their identity and have the opportunity to view programs they are enrolled in, as well as submit changes and manage their user account. **The identity authentication functionality went into effect in April 2024.**

MDHS will continue to verify identity before awarding assistance. While MDHS will offer clients the opportunity to confirm their identity electronically, MDHS cannot require the client to do so. As, outlined in 7 CFR 273.3(f)(1)(vii)., "any documents which reasonably establish the applicant's identity must be accepted, and no requirement for a specific type of document, such as a birth certificate, may be imposed." In addition, the CFR states that MDHS must accept verification of an individual's identity through collateral contact if no documentary evidence is readily available.

#### **4.6 Discrepancies and case review**

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS are continuing to confirm that the requested processes and policies in this Section are implemented in their respective agencies. Both agencies use the best available information to process cases where discrepancies may exist. Once new information becomes known to the agencies, eligibility redeterminations are made. If discrepancies exist at that point, the agencies provide the client with written notification of the discrepancy and the recipient has 10 days to respond to resolve the discrepancy or change. The agencies view the enhanced verification service as an additional reliable data source and will use the data provided by it in future eligibility redeterminations. Until the combined DOM and MDHS enhanced verification service can be launched, DOM and MDHS have individually leveraged existing contracts to implement enhanced verifications that will be provided through the FAM when Section 3 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented. Details on data verifications already being utilized can be found in Figure 1, within Section 4.3.

#### **4.7 Referrals for fraud, misrepresentation, or inadequate documentation**

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS are continuing to confirm that the requested processes and policies in this Section are implemented in their respective agencies. Both agencies have implemented policy changes that require staff to refer changes or discrepancies that may affect program eligibility to appropriate agencies and divisions within 10 days. This includes suspected cases of fraud, misrepresentation, or inadequate documentation and cases where an individual is determined to be no longer eligible for the original program. In cases where fraud affecting program eligibility is substantiated, the agencies garnish wages and/or state income tax refunds until the state recovers an amount equal to the amount of benefits that were fraudulently received.

#### **4.8 Reporting**

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS acknowledge the request for a pre-development report as well as a post-implementation report referred to in Section 8 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act. The pre-development report was delivered in excess of thirty (30) days before entering into a competitively bid contract with Softheon, Inc. The post-implementation report will be completed 6 months after the implementation of the enhanced eligibility verification service.

## 4.9 Transparency in Medicaid

*Status: Complete*

DOM has completed the request for the data specified in Section 9 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act and has posted the following reports publicly on an external website. **The reports can be found at the following address:**

<https://medicaid.ms.gov/resources/legislative-resources/hope-act/>

- Medicaid Physician and Other Supplier National Provider Identifier (NPI) Aggregate Report, Calendar Year 2024
- Medicaid National Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Aggregate Report Calendar Year 2024
- Medicaid Physician and Other Supplier National Provider Identifier (NPI) Aggregate Report, Calendar Year 2022
- Medicaid National Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Aggregate Report Calendar Year 2022
- Medicaid Physician and Other Supplier National Provider Identifier (NPI) Aggregate Report, Calendar Year 2021
- Medicaid National Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Aggregate Report Calendar Year 2021
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- Medicaid Physician and Other Supplier National Provider Identifier (NPI) Aggregate Report, Calendar Year 2016
- Medicaid National Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Aggregate Report Calendar Year 2016

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## 4.10 Work requirements

*Status: Complete*

As of January 2016, MDHS has not sought out, applied for, or accepted/renewed any waiver of requirements established under 7 USC Section 2015(o), except during a formal state or federal declaration of a natural disaster. **Section 10 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

## 4.11 Federal asset limits for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

*Status: Complete*

MDHS has discontinued Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility and is reinforcing the current resource limits. For SNAP, the current resource limit is \$2,250 for most households and \$3,750 for households with at least one elderly and/or disabled household member. **Section 11 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

## 4.12 Broad-based categorical eligibility

*Status: Complete*

Broad Based Categorical Eligibility has been discontinued; therefore, all households applying for SNAP and TANF will be subject to an evaluation of all household resources. Traditional Categorical Eligibility is not affected by the elimination of Broad-Based Categorical Eligibility. As outlined in 7 CFR 273.8(e)(17), individuals receiving TANF or Supplemental Security Income (SSI) are considered categorically eligible for SNAP, meaning that resources attributed to such individuals are disregarded. **Section 12 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

## 4.13 Sharing enrollee information across agencies

*Status: In-progress*

DOM and MDHS acknowledge the request to share eligibility information with each other within 30 business days when an enrollee has been disenrolled for any financial or nonfinancial reason that may result in the enrollee's disqualification for benefits with the other department, including the rationale for the action. Additionally, DOM and MDHS will establish procedures to re-determine eligibility for any enrollee whose eligibility or benefit levels could change as a result of new information provided by either agency. Additional details for Section 13 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act will be addressed in a subsequent report as progress is made on the real-time eligibility verification service. DOM and MDHS are actively sharing and collaborating to improve information sharing and program integrity in a variety of ways. The below list is the data/information already being utilized to the benefit of both agency's programs:

- Beneficiary Data Exchange System (BENDEX)
- SSI/State Data Exchange (SDX Data)
- Public Assistance Reporting Information System (PARIS) Files
- State Verification and Exchange System (SVES) Files
- Low Income Subsidy (LIS) File

- METSS Files (Child Support)
- METSS Files for Third Party Liability (TPL)
- SSA-8019 File for Third Party Liability (TPL)

**The Risk Rules are still under development. They are projected to be in production mid 2025.**

#### **4.14 Maximum family grant**

*Status: Complete*

As a result of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996, MDHS implemented policies specific to TANF recipients, limiting them to children already born or conceived at the time of initial application. Further, only children born into the family during the first 10 months of assistance or a child whose date of birth is prior to the end of the 10-month cap period for the case will be added to the case and eligible to receive benefits. **Section 14 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

#### **4.15 Verify identities and household composition, and all expenses of welfare applicants**

*Status: Complete*

As of January 2018, MDHS has implemented policies regarding the verification of all expenses for all programs. Regarding verification of household composition, the department verifies household composition when questionable, in accordance with Federal and State regulations and policy. Lastly, in accordance with 7 CFR 273.2 (a) (vii) Federal Regulations, MDHS currently verifies identity. **Section 15 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

#### **4.16 Full cooperation with fraud investigations**

*Status: Prohibited by Federal Regulations*

MDHS requires TANF clients to fully cooperate with fraud investigations by providing information or permitting the caseworker to obtain essential information to establish continued eligibility. Caseworkers proactively identify and review questionable cases. If conclusive information is not received, the case(s) are closed and reason for closure is fully documented.

Alternatively, SNAP case closure as the result of noncompliance with a fraud investigation is not permitted by the Code of Federal Regulations. The Code of Federal Regulations, 7 CFR § 273, provides instances in which a case may be closed, or a participant denied benefits due to noncooperation with SNAP. Noncooperation is detailed in §273.2(d), §273.12(d), §273.11(o)(1). Noncooperation occurs at application, recertification, during a Quality Control review, or when failing to cooperate with child support services. §273.16(e)(5) requires cases to remain open, if the household is eligible, while awaiting a disqualification hearing. **Section 16 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act is unable to be implemented as requested.**

#### **4.17 Gaps in eligibility reporting**

*Status: Complete*

As of January 2018, MDHS has implemented change reporting for all new applications. As ongoing cases came due for renewal of benefits, they were converted from simplified reporting to change reporting. In addition, MDHS acknowledges the requested report on the costs of simplified reporting, and that detail follows. The move to change reporting has the potential to cost the state upwards of \$1.96 million in federal fines in the first year that the fine is assessed.

MDHS reports a SNAP error rate to the federal government and is held accountable for keeping that error rate under an allowable threshold. The error rate reflects the number of cases in which an error occurs. The majority of the time, errors occur in cases where no fraud is occurring. Errors are not the same as fraud.

Since enacting change reporting in 2018, MDHS SNAP error rates have increased:

- FY 2018: 2.9%,
- FY 2019: 6.57%,
- FY 2020: 9.56%
- FY 2021: 12.55%
- FY 2022: 7.80%
- FY 2023: 9.10%
- FY 2024: 10.96
- FY 2025: XX%

The USDA FNS liability system establishes a state liability amount when there is a 95 percent probability that the state payment error rate will exceed 105% of the national average for a second consecutive year. Since the move to change reporting, Mississippi's error rate has consistently increased. However, in FY22, MDHS had access to new employment and wage verification data through a temporary federal grant, and the state's error rate decreased from 12.55% in FY21 to 7.8% in FY22. The state's access to this resource ended with the ending of the federal grant. Based on current trends, and the lack of continued access to the tools used in FY22, we project that Mississippi is at high risk for exceeding 105% of the national average in future years and being assessed federal fines.

The predominant driver of the error rate increase is client-caused. MDHS attributes this preponderance of client-caused errors to the burdensome change reporting requirements.

Under change reporting, eligible SNAP households must report the following changes within 10 days of the date the household becomes aware of the change:

- Changes of more than \$125 in the amount of gross earned income (such as wages, tips, bonuses, self-employment, etc.);
- Changes of more than \$125 in the amount of gross unearned income (such as social security/railroad retirement, other disability, VA income, pensions, unemployment, child support, alimony, money received from other people, worker's compensation, etc.);
- A change in the source of income;
- Changes in household composition, such as any person(s) moving in or out of the household;
- A change in residence and any resulting shelter cost changes (such as rent/mortgage and utilities);
- Changes in court ordered child support;

- A change in liquid resources, such as cash, stocks, bonds, and bank accounts.

Client mistakes in following these change reporting requirements are the driving force behind the high error rate. The cost of not using a simplified reporting system is potentially very high due to the increased error rates and resulting federal fines.

MDHS remains committed to moving Mississippians from vulnerability to self-sufficiency and using a change reporting system appears to be inhibiting our ability to do so. **Section 17 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

#### **4.18 Noncompliance with Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program rules**

*Status: Complete*

MDHS has always granted benefits only once an approved applicant has agreed to and is meeting the conditions of the TANF Work Program. MDHS has modified our eligibility system to align with the new sanction periods of a three-month full household sanction for the first instance of noncompliance and a permanent sanction for the second instance of noncompliance. These sanction provisions appear to be continuing to drive down TANF enrollment statewide. **Section 18 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

#### **4.19 Noncompliance with Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program rules**

*Status: Complete*

MDHS has always granted benefits only once an approved applicant has agreed to and is meeting the conditions of the SNAP. MDHS has modified our eligibility system for noncompliant heads of household to align with the new sanction periods of a three-month full household disqualification for the first instance of noncompliance, a six-month full household disqualification for the second instance of noncompliance, and a permanent disqualification for the third instance of noncompliance. In accordance with CFR 273.7 (f) (2) and CFR 273.7 (f) (5), if an individual other than the head of household is noncompliant, only the individual will be sanctioned. **Section 19 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

#### **4.20 Out-of-state spending**

*Status: SNAP Provided/TANF Prohibited by Federal Regulations*

MDHS acknowledges the request for the distribution of de-identified out-of-state spending data based on dollar amounts and separated by program. For the SNAP program, FNS has provided the dollar amount and number of transactions of SNAP benefits that are accessed or spent out-of-state, disaggregated by state. The data can be found in Appendix A. MDHS recognizes a portion of out-of-state spending can be attributed to online purchases charged by companies that have headquarters in other states.

The same rules (12 USC 3401) which govern privacy surrounding checking accounts apply to the client's debit card accounts. MDHS is not able to provide the TANF transaction data that is being requested. The agency does not have access to transaction information as the debit card accounts are owned by the cardholders and not the state. **Section 20 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud**

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**Prevention Act is partially able to be implemented as requested and limitations are reported in this section.**

#### **4.21 Public reporting**

*Status: Complete*

DOM and MDHS acknowledge the request for the annual distribution of de-identified recipient data within Section 21 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act. **The annual delivery of this data is updated annually in the mid-calendar year report and can be found in Appendix B.**

#### **4.22 Pilot program for photos on EBT cards**

*Status: Determined not to be feasible/Significant negative cost-benefit ratio*

After evaluating the federal regulations and costs associated with implementing a one county pilot, MDHS has decided not to implement a photo EBT pilot. The pilot will require changes to multiple systems to account for the receipt of a photo, storage/removal of a photo, and transmission of photos between systems leading to an estimated cost of \$700,000 for a single county pilot.

In addition to the costs, adding a photo to an EBT card does not restrict usage to the person pictured; therefore, if the intent of adding photos on EBT cards is to restrict usage of the EBT card and associated benefits to the individual(s) pictured on an EBT card so that benefits may not be used by unauthorized individuals, requiring a photo on an EBT card will not accomplish this due to federal regulations. Section 274.8(f) of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations (7 C.F.R. § 274.8(f)), outlines the State agency requirements for photo EBT card implementation. For example, the following or similar text must be printed on the EBT card: "Any user with valid personal identification number (PIN) can use SNAP benefits on card and need not be pictured."

In addition, per 7 C.F.R. § 274.7 and 7 C.F.R. § 278.2(b), the EBT system must be operated in a manner that maintains equal treatment for SNAP households. This means that retailers may not single out SNAP EBT cardholders from other customers in any way such as establishing special checkout lanes for SNAP households or checking for photo identification from EBT cardholders unless the retailer checks identification cards for all other customers using electronic debit or credit cards. 7 C.F.R. § 278.2(h) states that retailers must accept payment from EBT cardholders who have a valid personal identification number (PIN) regardless of which State the card is from or whether the individual is pictured on the card. **Section 22 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act will not be implemented based upon a negative cost-benefit analysis.**

#### **4.23 Limits on spending location**

*Status: Complete*

Section 4004 of the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (P.L. 112-96) requires states receiving TANF grants to "maintain policies and practices as necessary to prevent assistance provided under the State program funded under this part from being used in any electronic benefit transfer transaction in any liquor store; any casino, gambling casino, or gaming establishment; or any retail establishment which provides adult-oriented entertainment in which performers disrobe or perform in

an unclothed state for entertainment.” Furthermore, MDHS prohibits the use of TANF benefits in the locations and on the items outlined in the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act. In addition, MDHS proactively works with each recipient to require that they accept a personal responsibility contract acknowledging limits on spending locations and consequences of violating this personal responsibility contract. The complete list of prohibited items is available in the TANF Policy Manual available on the MDHS website at the following location: <https://www.sos.ms.gov/adminsearch/ACCode/00000330c.pdf/>. **Section 23 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented.**

#### **4.24 Excessive EBT card loss**

*Status: Complete*

MDHS has implemented policies pursuant to Section 24(1), (2), and (3) of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act. Regarding Section 24(4), terminating the SNAP recipient’s benefits due to failure to make contact with a fraud investigator regarding excessive EBT card ordering is not permitted by the Code of Federal Regulations. The Code of Federal Regulations, 7 CFR § 273, provides instances in which a case may be closed, or a participant denied benefits due to noncooperation with SNAP. Noncooperation is detailed in §273.2(d), §273.12(d), §273.11(o)(1). Noncooperation occurs at application, recertification, during a Quality Control review, or when failing to cooperate with child support services. §273.16(e)(5) requires cases to remain open, if the household is eligible, while awaiting a disqualification hearing. **Section 24 of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act has been implemented to the extent possible under Federal Regulations.**

#### **4.25 Timeframes**

*Status: Acknowledged*

The department acknowledges the timeframes requested in this Section of the Medicaid and Human Services Transparency and Fraud Prevention Act.

## 5 Appendix A: House Bill 1090 – Section 20: Out of State Spending

MDHS has prepared the following responses to the subsections of House Bill 1090:

- (a) The dollar amount and number of transactions of SNAP benefits that are accessed or spent out-of-state, disaggregated by state;  
**Agency Response: The dollar amount and number of transactions over a 12-month span starting in October 2022 and ending September 2023 can be found in Tables 1 and 2.**
- (b) The dollar amount and number of transactions of TANF benefits that are accessed or spent out-of-state, disaggregated by state;  
**Agency Response: MDHS is not able to provide the TANF transaction data that is requested. The agency does not have access to transaction information as the debit card accounts are owned by the cardholders and not the state.**
- (c) The dollar amount, number of transactions, and times of transactions of SNAP benefits that are accessed or spent in-state, disaggregated by retailer, institution, or location, unless expressly prohibited by federal law; and  
**Agency Response: The dollar amount and number of transactions over a 12-month span starting in October 2022 and ending September 2023 can be found in Tables 3A and 3B: Spending By Mississippi County (Purchase Amounts) and Tables 4A and 4B: Spending By Mississippi County (Total Transaction Counts) as well as Figure 1.**  
*NOTE: FNS will not release data by retailer or institution. In addition, when there are not enough transactions in a particular County, FNS will not release the data and reports it as redacted.*
- (d) The dollar amount, number of transactions, and time of transactions of TANF benefits that are accessed or spent in-state, disaggregated by retailer, institution, or location.  
**Agency Response: MDHS is not able to provide the TANF transaction data that is requested. The agency does not have access to transaction information as the debit card accounts are owned by the cardholders and not the state.**

**TABLE 1: MS RECIPIENT SNAP BENEFIT SPENDING BY US STATE (DOLLAR VOLUME)**

Store State	2023-10 Dollar	2023-11 Dollar	2023-12 Dollar	2024-1 Dollar	2024-2 Dollar	2024-3 Dollar	2024-4 Dollar	2024-5 Dollar	2024-6 Dollar	2024-7 Dollar	2024-8 Dollar	2024-9 Dollar
Alabama	\$359,906.05	\$288,926.33	\$327,644.87	\$288,926.33	\$284,653.98	\$343,406.53	\$301,762.61	\$297,958.13	\$345,181.03	\$335,879.21	\$288,754.02	\$273,072.61
Alaska	\$847.38	\$329.17	\$282.32	\$329.17	\$277.50	\$1,100.81	\$2,672.31	\$1,130.60	\$884.71	\$1,194.11	\$818.06	\$777.38
Arizona	\$7,454.59	\$7,253.03	\$8,927.13	\$7,253.03	\$8,245.38	\$12,532.22	\$12,588.81	\$12,631.95	\$12,915.71	\$9,555.00	\$7,419.84	\$7,864.94
Arkansas	\$104,422.18	\$86,254.41	\$104,506.86	\$86,254.41	\$75,755.80	\$82,021.49	\$74,776.53	\$81,001.48	\$74,897.85	\$98,011.93	\$80,743.19	\$87,995.33
California	\$21,901.56	\$17,845.72	\$26,619.77	\$17,845.72	\$12,032.26	\$13,279.57	\$15,417.57	\$14,771.23	\$14,376.11	\$20,652.29	\$43,372.39	\$17,333.61
Colorado	\$9,526.99	\$5,365.36	\$6,150.63	\$5,365.36	\$4,361.86	\$5,395.45	\$6,222.82	\$4,543.58	\$6,866.17	\$6,216.14	\$7,391.02	\$7,346.94
Connecticut	\$3,568.65	\$1,625.62	\$1,764.88	\$1,625.62	\$859.58	\$701.64	\$218.22	\$1,076.18	\$3,704.28	\$2,136.21	\$15,846.44	\$1,598.66
Delaware	\$192.08	\$621.20	\$3,275.03	\$621.20	\$15.60	\$102.63	\$370.54	\$169.89	\$156.17	\$513.28	\$1,522.09	\$806.66
District of Columbi	\$199.11	\$57.38	\$451.76	\$57.38	\$56.74	\$410.67	\$69.95	\$82.35	\$159.36	\$563.65	\$354.42	\$284.20
Florida	\$74,860.50	\$62,931.13	\$97,127.97	\$62,931.13	\$64,726.75	\$129,438.27	\$71,620.90	\$90,410.76	\$139,386.87	\$151,391.78	\$81,450.95	\$74,630.49
Georgia	\$112,672.19	\$94,864.96	\$115,668.36	\$94,864.96	\$85,240.08	\$107,317.38	\$87,647.11	\$92,844.13	\$108,942.40	\$118,004.08	\$98,560.62	\$89,483.25
Guam	\$199.69											
Hawaii	\$391.60	\$324.71	\$1,060.50	\$324.71	\$524.99	\$49.35	\$397.68	\$46.50		\$550.47	\$915.15	\$73.20
Idaho	\$162.23	\$194.28	\$29.28	\$194.28	\$690.01	\$1,537.98	\$592.93	\$357.33	\$1,014.21	\$2,381.56	\$1,123.66	\$1,889.29
Illinois	\$50,691.66	\$38,183.33	\$49,155.25	\$38,183.33	\$34,669.74	\$38,082.47	\$38,214.84	\$40,550.76	\$45,190.93	\$59,818.79	\$59,267.56	\$41,235.06
Indiana	\$24,319.31	\$17,582.69	\$21,251.93	\$17,582.69	\$19,425.99	\$24,969.91	\$20,096.97	\$20,858.71	\$25,052.13	\$21,839.62	\$19,658.98	\$18,510.33
Iowa	\$12,104.97	\$6,753.08	\$7,004.31	\$6,753.08	\$5,014.50	\$7,604.18	\$6,162.92	\$6,796.44	\$8,533.22	\$8,938.28	\$6,834.23	\$5,391.68
Kansas	\$7,413.32	\$4,838.89	\$6,381.73	\$4,838.89	\$5,534.86	\$4,563.94	\$5,212.37	\$4,403.88	\$5,298.31	\$6,367.07	\$6,660.39	\$9,258.51
Kentucky	\$18,799.22	\$8,673.49	\$13,293.38	\$8,673.49	\$8,256.57	\$10,807.51	\$9,285.93	\$10,137.78	\$16,769.55	\$17,860.95	\$15,347.95	\$14,077.68
Louisiana	\$592,864.70	\$518,408.29	\$600,152.83	\$518,408.29	\$517,322.30	\$559,379.94	\$518,396.46	\$525,262.39	\$527,526.17	\$519,041.67	\$531,212.83	\$482,149.64
Maine	\$2,356.15	\$2,224.15	\$2,056.53	\$2,224.15	\$1,273.83	\$1,189.22	\$937.09	\$1,340.31	\$1,707.16	\$1,695.93	\$2,234.08	\$2,116.37
Maryland	\$97,101.42	\$86,822.36	\$92,265.96	\$86,822.36	\$85,342.75	\$83,991.72	\$79,162.58	\$77,357.03	\$79,965.71	\$75,220.26	\$85,252.04	\$86,274.09
Massachusetts	\$3,907.99	\$1,909.35	\$4,774.10	\$1,909.35	\$2,372.01	\$2,629.94	\$3,507.11	\$2,121.43	\$5,632.14	\$3,184.92	\$47,954.20	\$14,829.20
Michigan	\$19,125.04	\$13,249.41	\$16,050.46	\$13,249.41	\$11,136.68	\$15,587.39	\$14,530.09	\$15,732.02	\$23,360.90	\$22,485.79	\$20,089.15	\$14,783.12
Minnesota	\$9,975.05	\$5,408.55	\$8,782.45	\$5,408.55	\$5,880.24	\$5,776.43	\$5,099.91	\$6,649.28	\$7,311.67	\$7,881.31	\$9,139.34	\$8,102.65
Missouri	\$24,580.39	\$15,734.54	\$25,627.41	\$15,734.54	\$18,871.31	\$24,437.12	\$19,618.51	\$19,612.47	\$27,455.59	\$27,276.41	\$24,303.63	\$22,753.31
Montana	\$800.90	\$931.03	\$414.66	\$931.03	\$912.13	\$1,133.05	\$1,280.76	\$2,339.20	\$3,291.18	\$3,695.59	\$2,793.85	\$2,425.16
Nebraska	\$7,666.51	\$2,263.53	\$4,875.87	\$2,263.53	\$2,610.28	\$2,706.80	\$3,850.05	\$2,469.25	\$4,473.71	\$4,423.86	\$2,572.62	\$3,611.33
Nevada	\$5,533.73	\$5,241.41	\$6,621.84	\$5,241.41	\$4,180.07	\$7,241.11	\$6,037.73	\$6,323.50	\$7,220.52	\$7,195.50	\$4,957.76	\$4,166.56
New Hampshire	\$696.12	\$1,925.65	\$1,483.63	\$1,925.65	\$2,170.59	\$2,522.82	\$968.88	\$1,273.01	\$961.83	\$911.25	\$1,224.32	\$1,388.88
New Jersey	\$2,363.55	\$1,441.84	\$2,703.80	\$1,441.84	\$354.48	\$3,924.63	\$4,622.82	\$3,317.96	\$3,719.76	\$2,143.47	\$19,574.70	\$4,377.09
New Mexico	\$4,464.25	\$2,071.90	\$3,685.73	\$2,071.90	\$1,882.46	\$2,865.74	\$3,664.39	\$2,950.61	\$2,043.30	\$3,149.59	\$2,409.07	\$3,904.37
New York	\$15,653.35	\$7,548.86	\$12,316.09	\$7,548.86	\$6,219.88	\$6,412.48	\$6,817.20	\$7,363.43	\$8,384.44	\$9,455.36	\$230,894.86	\$51,496.12
North Carolina	\$17,636.93	\$14,539.96	\$16,179.52	\$14,539.96	\$13,058.61	\$16,383.52	\$15,532.80	\$13,606.05	\$16,775.12	\$19,119.78	\$15,276.46	\$12,020.84
North Dakota	\$6,099.00	\$3,149.97	\$3,762.06	\$3,149.97	\$3,083.53	\$4,502.13	\$3,209.09	\$1,065.79	\$2,408.50	\$3,272.65	\$3,059.65	\$3,159.67
Ohio	\$19,052.34	\$11,059.11	\$15,944.89	\$11,059.11	\$9,622.97	\$13,368.11	\$11,033.22	\$13,378.96	\$17,083.54	\$25,580.48	\$16,688.48	\$14,121.65
Oklahoma	\$15,080.80	\$12,072.73	\$13,362.62	\$12,072.73	\$12,461.64	\$15,391.83	\$12,269.28	\$12,928.05	\$15,506.77	\$13,861.87	\$12,513.54	\$12,791.15
Oregon	\$2,130.02	\$1,562.80	\$2,223.92	\$1,562.80	\$1,880.93	\$2,517.36	\$1,532.50	\$1,084.70	\$2,566.58	\$2,649.07	\$1,069.98	\$889.36
Pennsylvania	\$6,993.62	\$6,361.40	\$11,331.13	\$6,361.40	\$7,586.33	\$11,562.68	\$8,225.05	\$8,913.54	\$10,261.15	\$10,255.18	\$133,172.55	\$95,751.29
Rhode Island	\$2,216.22	\$652.67	\$1,460.46	\$652.67	\$366.15	\$463.90	\$135.49	\$576.67	\$242.41	\$873.41	\$1,014.36	\$3,312.50
South Carolina	\$13,090.14	\$11,614.87	\$11,648.76	\$11,614.87	\$10,179.24	\$11,482.10	\$10,543.12	\$10,526.57	\$16,385.73	\$17,043.86	\$10,395.66	\$13,061.67
South Dakota	\$4,233.86	\$3,898.16	\$5,239.62	\$3,898.16	\$5,022.54	\$4,136.41	\$1,860.73	\$1,309.72	\$3,027.09	\$3,423.56	\$1,921.56	\$2,327.37
Tennessee	\$650,432.45	\$579,587.79	\$669,689.55	\$579,587.79	\$560,123.72	\$608,779.51	\$555,856.57	\$564,797.98	\$574,935.95	\$579,523.34	\$535,289.99	\$518,932.21
Texas	\$282,300.50	\$222,841.30	\$269,361.62	\$222,841.30	\$191,726.90	\$238,157.05	\$198,039.50	\$200,863.39	\$242,005.40	\$245,049.89	\$215,075.71	\$223,414.72
Utah	\$1,356.31	\$3,115.90	\$3,145.89	\$3,115.90	\$1,273.17	\$1,606.28	\$2,425.14	\$3,499.68	\$3,002.80	\$1,270.93	\$1,452.23	\$1,801.58
Vermont	\$1,682.56	\$1,733.67	\$1,462.21	\$1,733.67	\$2,802.54	\$1,874.27	\$1,276.20	\$1,003.74	\$1,776.05	\$1,821.85	\$1,755.20	\$1,253.18
Virgin Islands	\$32.01	\$6,644.41			\$187.47		\$0.00	\$680.32	\$747.98	\$495.62	\$375.80	\$160.40
Virginia	\$11,684.89	\$4,125.17	\$8,883.94	\$6,644.41	\$10,671.55	\$11,713.07	\$10,852.25	\$10,256.11	\$12,954.61	\$12,863.34	\$13,766.74	\$11,128.20
Washington	\$6,491.65	\$2,296.41	\$4,569.25	\$4,125.17	\$4,257.84	\$4,045.85	\$2,623.69	\$3,446.92	\$4,833.49	\$4,922.81	\$4,080.23	\$2,890.72
West Virginia	\$3,569.95	\$14,421.97	\$1,330.18	\$2,296.41	\$1,359.17	\$2,352.74	\$2,639.97	\$2,725.39	\$2,358.87	\$3,011.59	\$3,267.99	\$3,838.13
Wisconsin	\$13,969.86	\$925.72	\$17,142.09	\$14,421.97	\$13,909.56	\$13,070.04	\$12,472.43	\$14,183.15	\$17,344.81	\$17,064.61	\$13,302.59	\$11,470.91
Wyoming	\$497.02	\$373.98	\$853.50	\$925.72	\$1,497.41	\$1,146.35	\$682.58	\$453.48	\$1,099.56	\$632.47	\$1,031.73	\$862.03

**TABLE 2: MS RECIPIENT SNAP BENEFIT SPENDING BY US STATE (TOTAL TRANSACTION COUNTS)**

Store State	2023-10 Number of Purchases	2023-11 Number of Purchases	2023-12 Number of Purchases	2024-1 Number of Purchases	2024-2 Number of Purchases	2024-3 Number of Purchases	2024-4 Number of Purchases	2024-5 Number of Purchases	2024-6 Number of Purchases	2024-7 Number of Purchases	2024-8 Number of Purchases	2024-9 Number of Purchases
Alabama	8,940	8,154	8,249	6,718	6,934	8,447	7,608	7,479	8,286	8,164	7,288	6,736
Alaska	18	6	6	7	5	17	38	29	41	37	31	17
Arizona	261	237	324	282	300	410	460	428	408	344	218	234
Arkansas	3,059	2,971	2,973	2,419	1,924	2,030	1,898	2,288	2,195	2,404	2,143	2,086
California	673	557	588	486	427	394	498	475	396	592	791	405
Colorado	237	239	189	119	138	120	154	107	211	163	218	202
Connecticut	57	19	33	20	16	21	17	34	96	68	191	44
Delaware	12	9	54	23	2	7	13	5	12	29	73	27
District of Columbia	14	6	9	4	3	13	2	3	5	12	14	8
Florida	2,176	2,159	2,303	1,478	1,611	3,089	1,969	2,315	3,269	3,634	1,995	1,661
Georgia	3,086	3,261	3,127	2,368	2,039	2,723	2,410	2,583	2,962	3,100	2,653	2,305
Guam	1											
Hawaii	11	6	19	11	18	1	10	5		12	30	5
Idaho	6	8	3	8	14	34	16	13	15	29	24	20
Illinois	1,585	1,388	1,509	1,142	1,108	1,288	1,216	1,325	1,387	1,766	1,506	1,179
Indiana	780	651	661	479	481	701	579	661	747	664	580	562
Iowa	396	300	216	187	148	207	171	237	237	358	229	198
Kansas	201	217	223	160	126	148	155	150	125	161	183	252
Kentucky	501	441	382	264	258	264	274	355	539	474	372	348
Louisiana	13,354	12,836	13,861	11,016	11,459	12,711	11,508	11,989	11,985	11,981	11,536	11,102
Maine	83	67	46	44	25	31	34	40	38	42	66	66
Maryland	2,092	2,086	1,921	1,656	1,715	1,758	1,692	1,690	1,694	1,709	1,753	1,731
Massachusetts	117	113	138	56	72	79	66	83	138	92	456	202
Michigan	562	401	440	341	267	371	427	523	715	782	555	441
Minnesota	239	259	224	143	182	209	179	198	196	184	281	288
Missouri	801	795	699	387	512	719	644	674	818	868	750	695
Montana	26	23	14	29	21	39	45	68	77	85	59	54
Nebraska	168	133	105	44	69	68	80	55	97	100	64	83
Nevada	199	175	210	179	171	257	191	190	187	182	165	115
New Hampshire	11	16	34	49	62	48	27	28	29	16	16	14
New Jersey	69	58	76	51	8	60	92	67	86	61	288	93
New Mexico	144	161	80	56	51	75	107	103	63	92	80	109
New York	345	182	189	118	141	125	145	193	252	235	3,503	656
North Carolina	520	516	466	404	387	501	399	373	473	425	385	348
North Dakota	120	91	113	65	54	77	64	29	53	80	78	81
Ohio	617	554	444	292	294	351	294	376	547	777	504	408
Oklahoma	485	448	414	330	376	390	282	385	402	448	402	347
Oregon	67	69	70	42	59	77	48	25	56	69	52	38
Pennsylvania	228	236	295	207	182	215	253	264	272	299	1,419	715
Rhode Island	42	31	34	13	6	14	5	13	11	24	58	56
South Carolina	363	275	342	323	279	289	263	269	437	377	288	289
South Dakota	183	207	237	159	178	146	70	52	117	92	62	57
Tennessee	15,653	15,094	14,336	12,194	12,287	13,981	13,031	13,772	13,866	14,548	12,804	12,365
Texas	7,744	7,132	6,910	5,314	5,110	6,379	5,247	5,525	6,548	6,433	5,774	5,840
Utah	55	91	103	82	42	57	72	80	87	34	35	41
Vermont	40	45	36	41	76	74	37	28	60	64	45	37
Virgin Islands	2	1			2		0	6	7	17	8	3
Virginia	304	248	241	146	247	292	282	275	359	343	277	300
Washington	170	166	118	90	88	97	60	70	127	98	75	66
West Virginia	131	55	38	51	42	57	70	81	64	82	96	112
Wisconsin	579	592	530	482	445	506	379	474	538	533	428	360
Wyoming	14	9	24	15	31	23	22	15	30	19	36	31

**TABLE 3A: MS RECIPIENT SNAP BENEFIT SPENDING BY MISSISSIPPI COUNTY (PURCHASE AMOUNTS, COUNTIES STARTING WITH A-L)**

County	Total Purchase Amount	Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Purchase Amount	Purchase Amount	Purchase Amount
ADAMS	\$866,422	\$837,980	\$842,222	\$784,779	\$755,321	\$772,436	\$753,924	\$784,258	\$766,695	\$766,290	\$701,086	\$769,769
ALCORN	\$537,543	\$515,451	\$538,662	\$508,109	\$483,808	\$505,172	\$457,180	\$457,654	\$452,995	\$453,252	\$469,284	\$466,113
AMITE	\$166,967	\$164,579	\$160,053	\$166,230	\$150,215	\$163,648	\$159,555	\$165,456	\$168,188	\$167,921	\$161,323	\$168,773
ATTALA	\$431,289	\$423,654	\$422,689	\$414,760	\$373,139	\$395,252	\$375,506	\$389,518	\$365,130	\$378,071	\$376,206	\$373,311
BENTON	\$71,556	\$72,229	\$72,625	\$78,912	\$68,611	\$74,080	\$65,462	\$74,384	\$67,653	\$69,630	\$67,430	\$67,788
BOLIVAR	\$1,288,302	\$1,252,360	\$1,243,507	\$1,222,282	\$1,178,831	\$1,223,664	\$1,171,060	\$1,215,130	\$1,162,659	\$1,159,288	\$1,141,168	\$1,161,292
CALHOUN	\$192,903	\$184,771	\$175,500	\$185,599	\$171,154	\$184,268	\$175,816	\$185,336	\$173,644	\$187,223	\$177,012	\$184,153
CARROLL	\$33,213	\$30,369	\$32,951	\$30,764	\$27,444	\$31,403	\$28,978	\$29,637	\$30,577	\$30,474	\$25,760	\$28,092
CHIKASAW	\$406,900	\$408,444	\$386,157	\$379,380	\$350,850	\$339,143	\$334,006	\$336,792	\$330,066	\$353,277	\$346,183	\$343,969
CHOCTAW	\$67,777	\$68,534	\$67,169	\$67,993	\$62,494	\$64,738	\$64,113	\$61,913	\$59,762	\$57,831	\$61,560	\$62,654
CLAIBORNE	\$239,702	\$229,458	\$279,781	\$247,475	\$229,077	\$238,185	\$243,158	\$339,275	\$272,318	\$255,748	\$240,892	\$231,660
CLARKE	\$219,615	\$209,552	\$206,867	\$196,721	\$185,137	\$196,944	\$188,758	\$199,327	\$186,116	\$200,598	\$198,929	\$190,944
CLAY	\$528,619	\$511,019	\$513,930	\$493,962	\$464,460	\$478,809	\$443,119	\$459,614	\$468,225	\$483,390	\$479,418	\$488,358
COAHOMA	\$1,063,236	\$1,032,850	\$1,049,551	\$1,064,020	\$962,973	\$999,810	\$964,485	\$973,692	\$928,842	\$930,484	\$929,139	\$898,914
COPIAH	\$744,765	\$769,886	\$874,845	\$709,781	\$661,653	\$699,048	\$734,765	\$714,692	\$666,848	\$666,120	\$662,305	\$652,722
COVINGTON	\$375,058	\$362,412	\$365,430	\$359,320	\$337,406	\$342,785	\$345,735	\$359,545	\$345,213	\$356,816	\$354,300	\$358,357
DE SOTO	\$2,660,689	\$2,599,057	\$2,577,018	\$2,479,153	\$2,339,816	\$2,422,882	\$2,314,331	\$2,323,428	\$2,307,801	\$2,356,784	\$2,324,402	\$2,311,133
FORREST	\$2,525,306	\$2,418,356	\$2,439,693	\$2,297,840	\$2,181,410	\$2,238,768	\$2,171,274	\$2,204,553	\$2,217,479	\$2,247,402	\$2,251,064	\$2,243,633
FRANKLIN	\$77,068	\$67,945	\$76,159	\$72,250	\$64,137	\$67,095	\$64,228	\$67,987	\$67,081	\$66,452	\$68,389	\$63,773
GEORGE	\$462,833	\$462,097	\$457,465	\$428,906	\$402,064	\$430,150	\$396,221	\$402,764	\$411,034	\$403,006	\$397,142	\$408,584
GREENE	\$89,058	\$84,888	\$83,329	\$81,613	\$83,804	\$79,691	\$68,252	\$73,822	\$83,020	\$75,361	\$78,839	\$76,612
GRENADA	\$1,543,476	\$1,600,424	\$1,485,086	\$1,337,172	\$1,394,986	\$1,376,299	\$1,320,766	\$1,335,667	\$1,397,540	\$1,374,132	\$1,412,250	\$1,381,150
HANCOCK	\$651,190	\$651,007	\$655,512	\$613,538	\$593,741	\$612,371	\$567,502	\$575,868	\$563,914	\$570,316	\$574,686	\$589,489
HARRISON	\$5,620,143	\$5,522,435	\$5,541,042	\$5,521,986	\$4,980,351	\$5,209,778	\$4,916,061	\$5,053,353	\$4,956,796	\$5,064,287	\$5,043,865	\$4,953,223
HINDS	\$5,818,147	\$5,729,954	\$5,714,404	\$5,459,856	\$5,054,471	\$5,327,546	\$5,140,284	\$5,229,594	\$5,073,791	\$5,036,415	\$5,009,645	\$5,047,849
HOLMES	\$455,555	\$452,682	\$447,080	\$468,664	\$423,110	\$444,016	\$433,218	\$430,536	\$408,546	\$409,513	\$411,056	\$417,695
HUMPHREYS	\$277,057	\$254,364	\$264,263	\$277,962	\$243,114	\$265,672	\$255,538	\$268,937	\$256,138	\$250,331	\$250,365	\$262,805
ISSAQUENA	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
ITAWAMBA	\$243,127	\$229,258	\$238,939	\$230,878	\$209,138	\$225,025	\$205,643	\$208,031	\$200,723	\$213,024	\$213,400	\$213,101
JACKSON	\$2,140,755	\$2,078,320	\$2,092,258	\$1,964,493	\$1,839,399	\$1,915,484	\$1,830,577	\$1,886,416	\$1,815,491	\$1,853,249	\$1,861,694	\$1,855,802
JASPER	\$199,738	\$176,070	\$173,940	\$170,661	\$158,886	\$168,688	\$162,507	\$168,969	\$158,932	\$168,463	\$165,422	\$160,019
JEFFERSON	\$101,937	\$97,100	\$92,696	\$97,400	\$90,338	\$98,516	\$93,097	\$97,520	\$89,580	\$85,399	\$84,496	\$90,908
JEFFERSON DAVIS	\$136,042	\$138,711	\$128,096	\$130,638	\$122,299	\$127,002	\$128,429	\$123,731	\$119,376	\$118,173	\$129,616	\$123,679
JONES	\$1,355,281	\$1,349,585	\$1,349,660	\$1,242,226	\$1,189,692	\$1,243,311	\$1,195,465	\$1,241,101	\$1,215,214	\$1,224,126	\$1,253,536	\$1,235,616
KEMPER	\$96,865	\$95,596	\$96,398	\$100,006	\$94,171	\$97,498	\$94,270	\$94,875	\$91,657	\$92,595	\$95,727	\$91,960
LAFAYETTE	\$530,565	\$493,087	\$511,206	\$484,853	\$452,043	\$465,248	\$459,008	\$451,906	\$449,935	\$445,288	\$455,319	\$423,232
LAMAR	\$341,819	\$332,401	\$334,072	\$325,835	\$301,568	\$310,825	\$291,257	\$305,805	\$297,318	\$306,423	\$310,282	\$301,162
LAUDERDALE	\$2,246,895	\$2,163,314	\$2,206,612	\$2,137,482	\$1,979,976	\$2,046,933	\$1,941,394	\$1,981,672	\$1,957,151	\$1,958,624	\$1,972,304	\$1,927,694
LAWRENCE	\$236,542	\$229,496	\$229,492	\$227,002	\$209,970	\$212,798	\$210,112	\$210,724	\$215,794	\$212,556	\$203,430	\$202,692
LEAKE	\$442,767	\$441,046	\$430,613	\$416,203	\$400,272	\$405,883	\$396,603	\$399,475	\$364,784	\$394,523	\$391,284	\$404,235
LEE	\$2,179,602	\$2,114,061	\$2,136,891	\$1,983,548	\$1,910,237	\$2,006,560	\$1,903,205	\$1,962,515	\$1,967,387	\$1,979,230	\$1,978,491	\$2,025,954
LEFLORE	\$1,246,676	\$1,211,756	\$1,276,276	\$1,243,813	\$1,146,785	\$1,190,632	\$1,149,420	\$1,186,503	\$1,130,889	\$1,160,623	\$1,127,255	\$1,111,333
LINCOLN	\$826,743	\$830,774	\$838,612	\$779,829	\$759,442	\$767,911	\$727,631	\$727,832	\$712,178	\$719,795	\$745,971	\$736,757
LOWNDES	\$1,641,242	\$1,614,877	\$1,614,412	\$1,572,403	\$1,456,574	\$1,516,959	\$1,485,444	\$1,474,390	\$1,414,075	\$1,433,926	\$1,415,089	\$1,424,061

**TABLE 3B: MS RECIPIENT SNAP BENEFIT SPENDING BY MISSISSIPPI COUNTY (PURCHASE AMOUNTS, COUNTIES STARTING WITH M-Y)**

	2023-10	2023-11	2023-12	2024-1	2024-2	2024-3	2024-4	2024-5	2024-6	2024-7	2024-8	2024-9
County	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount	Total Purchase Amount
MADISON	\$2,434,533	\$2,420,147	\$2,451,350	\$2,286,501	\$2,186,652	\$2,289,357	\$2,170,475	\$2,191,065	\$2,165,595	\$2,193,542	\$2,189,090	\$2,185,536
MARION	\$579,576	\$565,519	\$558,803	\$526,761	\$492,319	\$507,194	\$481,480	\$498,390	\$493,687	\$512,660	\$525,092	\$521,050
MARSHALL	\$583,967	\$579,548	\$587,358	\$529,223	\$516,833	\$541,393	\$524,029	\$521,989	\$512,717	\$501,976	\$501,637	\$473,652
MONROE	\$498,091	\$487,009	\$493,295	\$507,403	\$451,204	\$458,411	\$445,272	\$442,676	\$435,866	\$465,890	\$459,457	\$454,892
MONTGOMERY	\$167,222	\$165,733	\$161,094	\$169,030	\$148,966	\$161,069	\$151,552	\$157,872	\$143,877	\$136,432	\$128,448	\$131,491
NESHOBA	\$927,194	\$908,907	\$931,179	\$898,328	\$838,429	\$872,220	\$833,374	\$848,227	\$848,170	\$817,467	\$833,415	\$833,228
NEWTON	\$354,041	\$351,332	\$356,716	\$344,287	\$326,587	\$332,468	\$315,157	\$317,875	\$310,402	\$313,723	\$322,903	\$314,990
NOXUBEE	\$462,422	\$468,966	\$449,323	\$447,688	\$418,290	\$422,758	\$422,066	\$437,307	\$431,999	\$426,755	\$437,156	\$429,341
OKTIBBEHA	\$834,272	\$812,271	\$807,558	\$789,303	\$728,853	\$740,166	\$709,131	\$732,972	\$727,324	\$779,531	\$784,488	\$792,457
PANOLA	\$1,174,837	\$1,157,438	\$1,162,553	\$1,080,541	\$1,050,445	\$1,088,946	\$1,069,873	\$1,017,498	\$1,050,115	\$1,065,084	\$1,046,036	\$1,048,486
PEARL RIVER	\$1,023,852	\$1,007,556	\$997,106	\$936,642	\$882,664	\$951,850	\$885,711	\$943,951	\$880,076	\$896,876	\$921,462	\$957,901
PERRY	\$130,068	\$125,420	\$124,424	\$119,154	\$110,757	\$112,994	\$107,767	\$115,178	\$114,540	\$112,710	\$115,580	\$117,309
PIKE	\$1,419,033	\$1,384,356	\$1,382,684	\$1,306,565	\$1,238,278	\$1,275,727	\$1,236,882	\$1,261,284	\$1,262,338	\$1,256,660	\$1,267,118	\$1,271,631
PONTOTOC	\$495,146	\$466,260	\$470,908	\$449,668	\$427,671	\$444,463	\$423,315	\$434,459	\$426,327	\$459,489	\$461,678	\$470,150
PRENTISS	\$327,621	\$336,533	\$323,664	\$324,657	\$303,305	\$302,781	\$283,603	\$293,573	\$304,987	\$308,256	\$295,600	\$306,989
QUITMAN	\$91,238	\$86,855	\$86,304	\$92,402	\$76,766	\$81,843	\$78,619	\$81,412	\$81,284	\$82,218	\$80,558	\$80,223
RANKIN	\$2,088,972	\$1,975,366	\$2,017,839	\$1,898,049	\$1,815,988	\$1,858,991	\$1,782,108	\$1,827,837	\$1,821,304	\$1,814,791	\$1,791,336	\$1,776,161
SCOTT	\$514,791	\$472,876	\$478,679	\$451,891	\$448,837	\$462,816	\$452,218	\$454,683	\$441,983	\$439,755	\$460,215	\$453,141
SHARKEY	\$136,159	\$133,362	\$126,381	\$133,702	\$123,647	\$129,556	\$133,284	\$131,474	\$129,442	\$123,509	\$119,590	\$121,188
SIMPSON	\$525,686	\$517,907	\$526,596	\$485,356	\$443,995	\$481,099	\$457,044	\$468,647	\$453,827	\$458,119	\$453,114	\$468,999
SMITH	\$98,942	\$103,059	\$103,243	\$102,394	\$92,255	\$98,488	\$93,147	\$95,798	\$94,038	\$98,472	\$99,444	\$102,212
STONE	\$438,635	\$441,311	\$438,098	\$414,466	\$395,066	\$400,559	\$388,907	\$402,296	\$398,461	\$399,122	\$398,376	\$412,004
SUNFLOWER	\$1,018,659	\$1,012,781	\$1,011,675	\$981,197	\$934,654	\$967,442	\$947,845	\$943,819	\$865,980	\$875,650	\$868,298	\$848,414
TALLAHATCHIE	\$99,203	\$93,262	\$93,059	\$103,834	\$95,599	\$99,014	\$95,214	\$90,897	\$85,152	\$85,800	\$84,966	\$85,095
TATE	\$479,455	\$468,553	\$487,928	\$492,470	\$445,576	\$466,933	\$448,750	\$462,904	\$454,042	\$456,075	\$437,874	\$428,803
TIPPAH	\$223,862	\$201,862	\$226,388	\$217,456	\$192,574	\$199,329	\$199,808	\$199,060	\$189,520	\$194,504	\$202,382	\$191,041
TISHOMINGO	\$167,300	\$151,220	\$147,220	\$158,236	\$143,141	\$148,340	\$140,443	\$150,196	\$138,889	\$135,802	\$137,691	\$135,375
TUNICA	\$306,534	\$288,604	\$284,247	\$296,717	\$270,449	\$293,495	\$278,724	\$289,377	\$281,006	\$276,965	\$265,376	\$258,962
UNION	\$436,193	\$425,726	\$439,600	\$412,812	\$374,558	\$398,432	\$381,669	\$382,359	\$376,617	\$389,757	\$379,412	\$393,283
WALTHALL	\$184,200	\$176,221	\$173,072	\$174,042	\$167,511	\$165,320	\$166,803	\$167,982	\$165,159	\$172,012	\$167,082	\$170,836
WARREN	\$1,587,555	\$1,594,345	\$1,644,589	\$1,495,417	\$1,357,739	\$1,404,299	\$1,379,191	\$1,460,572	\$1,391,203	\$1,377,236	\$1,358,197	\$1,330,088
WASHINGTON	\$2,154,159	\$2,141,158	\$2,142,546	\$2,102,733	\$1,981,968	\$2,042,746	\$1,938,831	\$1,979,055	\$1,900,283	\$1,929,187	\$1,899,851	\$1,841,563
WAYNE	\$723,315	\$732,630	\$725,928	\$680,817	\$639,253	\$665,061	\$641,853	\$671,997	\$655,411	\$651,389	\$677,576	\$686,414
WEBSTER	\$171,799	\$172,094	\$158,719	\$171,506	\$150,993	\$168,566	\$158,399	\$164,671	\$159,029	\$168,318	\$169,318	\$167,637
WILKINSON	\$133,179	\$124,533	\$130,745	\$120,094	\$123,971	\$124,399	\$140,461	\$142,022	\$123,288	\$121,463	\$122,589	\$118,447
WINSTON	\$452,418	\$444,280	\$437,504	\$425,413	\$403,913	\$427,703	\$404,539	\$413,272	\$420,509	\$412,877	\$415,020	\$431,347
YALOBUSHA	\$164,967	\$159,054	\$160,647	\$166,456	\$160,128	\$179,175	\$174,192	\$178,976	\$167,455	\$162,261	\$160,764	\$166,847
YAZOO	\$985,359	\$965,437	\$961,840	\$955,211	\$885,994	\$901,306	\$875,137	\$888,918	\$857,085	\$880,838	\$853,719	\$835,440

**TABLE 4A: MS RECIENT SNAP BENEFIT SPENDING BY MISSISSIPPI COUNTY (TOTAL TRANSACTION COUNTS, COUNTIES STARTING WITH A-L)**

	2023-10	2023-11	2023-12	2024-1	2024-2	2024-3	2024-4	2024-5	2024-6	2024-7	2024-8	2024-9
County	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count	Total Purchase TXN Count
ADAMS	21457	20043	20493	18012	17804	18762	18172	19581	18767	18776	16845	17940
ALCORN	13656	12648	13226	11244	11552	12425	11793	11959	11603	11621	11696	11580
AMITE	5503	5376	5339	5328	4724	5269	4941	5292	5186	5109	5028	5230
ATTALA	12109	11216	11425	10275	9475	10365	9958	10611	9681	10580	10201	9903
BENTON	3057	2893	2929	2719	2730	3027	2735	3009	2631	2672	2735	2622
BOLIVAR	37396	35204	34915	31192	30382	33007	32354	33836	31985	31954	31028	31036
CALHOUN	6705	6369	6095	5784	5466	6162	6010	6601	6076	6504	5992	6213
CARROLL	2083	1850	1978	1661	1550	1834	1757	1765	1841	1832	1665	1723
CHIKASAW	12218	11929	11264	10378	9754	10027	9937	10176	9803	10287	10185	10217
CHOCTAW	2852	2782	2774	2560	2413	2496	2542	2428	2329	2422	2421	2474
CLAIBORNE	8670	8148	9477	8065	7680	8160	8464	11138	9871	9223	8561	8306
CLARKE	7518	7001	6991	6514	6330	6865	6636	6957	6397	6865	7088	6813
CLAY	15993	15164	15309	13811	13140	14038	13219	14005	13359	14108	13824	13770
COAHOMA	29905	28111	28593	25709	24737	27664	26881	27583	25480	26026	25383	25091
COPIAH	22691	22479	25800	20269	18946	20309	21332	21704	19927	19586	19464	19188
COVINGTON	10684	10698	10509	10117	9325	9938	9736	10334	9806	9907	9956	10080
DE SOTO	58178	54817	54948	47044	47266	51440	49474	51469	49235	50765	49623	47706
FORREST	58485	55926	56467	51136	48003	51027	49866	51979	50521	51231	50584	49994
FRANKLIN	2680	2485	2607	2344	2216	2333	2132	2311	2295	2325	2471	2265
GEORGE	12641	12295	11948	10985	10571	11500	10672	11141	10867	10708	10586	10572
GREENE	3838	3684	3594	3342	3477	3482	3104	3178	3302	3124	3275	3225
GRENADA	22349	22145	21376	18075	19224	20450	19678	20265	19748	19714	19820	19212
HANCOCK	18827	18507	18585	17431	16390	17052	16186	17227	16185	16759	16488	16312
HARRISON	153873	148712	147958	135209	130249	139999	132562	140427	133714	137883	135733	131439
HINDS	162665	152666	153508	139782	132464	144411	141244	146695	136434	135850	134794	132668
HOLMES	17388	16595	16495	15719	15190	16367	15618	16239	15194	15141	15302	14827
HUMPHREYS	11783	10813	10980	10600	9778	11029	10657	11273	10476	10635	10518	10910
ISSAQUENA	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED	REDACTED
ITAWAMBA	6630	6265	6349	5593	5443	5872	5504	5992	5579	5829	6052	6003
JACKSON	64908	62693	62395	57053	53734	57580	54915	58131	54565	55774	55888	53812
JASPER	7189	6570	6298	6123	5925	6109	6141	6529	6034	6311	5923	5880
JEFFERSON	4637	4337	4336	4278	4080	4812	4544	4764	4339	4261	4118	4255
JEFFERSON DAVIS	4812	4494	4357	4209	3980	4180	4144	4368	4045	4344	4406	4277
JONES	36951	36235	35821	32121	30849	33089	\$32,389	\$33,977	\$32,341	\$32,812	\$33,993	33001
KEMPER	4044	3952	4043	3911	3793	3977	3855	4116	3959	3918	4142	4005
LAFAYETTE	13940	12864	13188	10514	11030	11745	11590	11842	11777	11524	11678	11006
LAMAR	12388	11667	11821	10708	10125	10595	10117	10622	10153	10376	10319	10114
LAUDERDALE	56942	54039	55315	50746	46294	50544	47976	50400	47448	48367	47319	45876
LAWRENCE	7499	7056	7021	6731	6360	6587	6383	6485	6642	6561	6455	6190
LEAKE	10576	10057	10208	9283	8948	9392	8987	9459	8343	9051	8787	8872
LEE	52345	50985	51697	43274	43370	47638	45281	48330	47299	48170	46683	47414
LEFLORE	36314	34355	35762	32493	31110	33829	32773	34662	31777	31796	30970	29892
LINCOLN	21367	20830	21340	18910	18284	19131	18342	18918	18042	18276	18841	18051
LOWNDES	47568	45533	45987	41179	39013	42376	40904	42094	39699	40638	39411	39094

**TABLE 4B: MS RECIPIENT SNAP BENEFIT SPENDING BY MISSISSIPPI COUNTY (TOTAL TRANSACTION COUNTS, COUNTIES STARTING WITH M-Y)**

MADISON	48949	48217	49501	43496	41164	44242	42760	44220	42731	43359	42871	42075
MARION	14624	13563	13582	12186	11480	12280	11651	12277	11920	12469	12574	12363
MARSHALL	16071	15281	15280	12671	13284	14208	14065	14248	13921	13767	13656	12683
MONROE	15372	14399	14496	13472	13107	13329	13033	13558	13010	13810	13957	13630
MONTGOMERY	6848	6476	6576	6121	5885	6472	6144	6205	5802	5494	5171	4992
NESHOBA	22891	21981	22164	19954	19093	20691	20221	20866	20514	19942	20596	20063
NEWTON	9665	9199	9295	8522	8218	8905	8363	8489	8087	8281	8382	8264
NOXUBEE	12270	11749	11372	10959	10500	11310	10931	11212	11091	10954	11047	10720
OKTIBBEHA	23002	22113	22161	19413	18971	20232	19449	20300	19334	20954	20376	20592
PANOLA	23593	23231	23027	18883	19245	21236	20519	20661	20189	20506	20078	19805
PEARL RIVER	29972	28466	28264	25854	24741	26659	24965	27116	24869	25450	26078	26215
PERRY	4644	4523	4535	4184	3785	3984	3792	4036	4062	4122	4237	4151
PIKE	36851	35845	36084	33299	31400	34003	32383	33751	32508	32655	32425	32075
PONTOTOC	12357	11424	11370	9625	9729	10268	9942	10776	10223	10893	10929	10621
PRENTISS	9090	8972	8878	7533	7809	8062	7732	8286	8220	8718	8317	8279
QUITMAN	4525	4232	4152	3809	3604	3957	3900	3901	3789	4047	4125	3847
RANKIN	41559	39637	40918	36004	34374	36358	34611	36839	35390	35608	34886	34093
SCOTT	13252	11894	12447	11066	11260	12098	\$11,711	\$12,106	\$11,319	\$11,572	\$11,889	11469
SHARKEY	4869	4577	4441	4301	3940	4449	4682	4877	4926	4725	4474	4404
SIMPSON	13051	13014	13082	11601	10931	11891	11496	12058	11138	11565	11700	11644
SMITH	3859	3579	3644	3454	3250	3424	3361	3396	3343	3421	3498	3601
STONE	10907	11061	11020	10003	9636	10293	9951	10452	10006	10130	9871	9958
SUNFLOWER	32118	30823	31140	28600	27569	30384	28906	29841	26159	26599	25852	25243
TALLAHATCHIE	4611	4237	4094	4014	3945	4236	4111	4069	3736	3825	3608	3663
TATE	13147	12705	12826	11433	11172	12269	12091	12591	11805	12207	11699	11386
TIPPAH	7437	6683	7440	6338	6302	6746	6529	6734	6474	6683	6985	6476
TISHOMINGO	6176	5317	5129	4934	4902	5194	4896	5149	4816	5004	4952	4821
TUNICA	11452	10784	10391	9847	9544	10336	10024	10810	9959	10433	9736	9154
UNION	9759	9530	9834	7921	8191	9063	8599	8973	8847	9136	9072	9026
WALTHALL	5571	5216	5194	5038	4930	5042	5048	4965	4878	4924	4985	5040
WARREN	44938	42674	44554	38336	34389	38074	36988	39609	37948	37798	36690	35662
WASHINGTON	61888	58747	60088	54214	52159	57807	55181	55989	52953	53200	52208	49767
WAYNE	17907	17665	18078	16208	14989	16372	15575	16531	15738	15943	16260	16264
WEBSTER	6238	6074	5856	5580	5221	5801	5531	5743	5657	6000	6088	5953
WILKINSON	5663	5327	5386	5151	5016	5510	5952	6054	5206	5262	5123	5080
WINSTON	13327	12842	12403	11415	11257	12119	11299	11866	11607	11621	11697	11672
YALOBUSHA	6003	5744	5614	5277	5849	6622	6363	6798	6234	5930	5831	5783
YAZOO	28889	27304	27297	25179	23624	25262	24328	25433	23888	24254	23626	22639

## 6 Appendix B: House Bill 1090 – Section 21: Public Reporting

### 6.1 Report Design

This annual report regarding the characteristics of the recipients of Medicaid, SNAP, and TANF benefits is divided into the following subsections.

1. The length of enrollment, disaggregated by program and eligibility group
2. The share of recipients concurrently enrolled in one or more additional means-tested programs, disaggregated by program and eligibility group and the number of means-tested programs recipients are concurrently enrolled in, disaggregated by program and eligibility group
3. The demographics and characteristics of recipients, disaggregated by program and eligibility group
4. The dollar amount spent on advertising and marketing for TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, and other means-tested programs, including both state and federal funds, disaggregated by program.

Information gathered for this report includes historical information for Section 6.1.1, while the remaining subsections of the report, only active cases and persons were used to tabulate totals for presentation. **This report was created with data from both agencies that reflects a specific point in time: August 8, 2025.**

#### 6.1.1 Average Length of Enrollment

The average length of enrollment for each of the programs and eligibility groups listed below was calculated based on the average length of time, in months, using recipients in continuous active status coverage. The data used for this section was gathered from MDHS with a back date or starting date of January 1, 2010 while all available DOM data, gathered from the State Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS), was used.

**TABLE 1: AVERAGE LENGTH OF ENROLLMENT**

Program	Recent Length of Enrollment
SNAP	38.1 Months
TANF	12.6 Months
<b>Medicaid Eligibility Groups</b>	
Children	65 Months
Aged	74 Months
Disabled & Blind	149 Months
Adults	38 Months
CHIP	22 Months

Family Planning Waiver	26 Months
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### 6.1.2 Recipients Enrolled in One or More Programs

Recipients that are concurrently enrolled in one or more means-tested programs and disaggregated by program as well as the share of recipients in each of the programs are listed in Tables 2A and 2B below.

*Note: (1) Population in Table 2B is non-duplicative. All recipients are counted once and placed in their appropriate categories based on the combination of programs in which they are currently active (Jul 13, 2023).*

*(2) In this case, breaking the data down by eligibility group within Medicaid/CHIP will have no bearing on the numbers presented. Recipients can only be in one eligibility group at a time in each of the programs.*

**TABLE 2A: RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN EACH PROGRAM**

	# of Recipients
SNAP	412,928
TANF	4,385
Medicaid/CHIP	702,106

**TABLE 2B: RECIPIENTS ENROLLED IN ONE OR MORE PROGRAMS**

Program	# of Recipients Receiving Benefits	%/Share of Recipients Receiving Benefits
<b>One Program</b>		
SNAP Only	121,194	14.71%
TANF Only	203	0.03%
Medicaid/CHIP Only	410,654	49.83%
<b>Subtotal (One Program)</b>	<b>532,051</b>	<b>64.57%</b>
<b>Two Programs</b>		
SNAP & TANF	541	0.07%
SNAP & Medicaid/CHIP	287,811	34.93%
TANF & Medicaid/CHIP	259	0.03%
<b>Subtotal (Two Programs)</b>	<b>288,611</b>	<b>35.02%</b>
<b>Three Programs</b>		
SNAP, TANF & Medicaid/CHIP	3,382	0.41%
<b>Subtotal (Three Programs)</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>0.41%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>824,044</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### 6.1.3 Demographics and Characteristics of Recipients

The demographics and characteristics of recipients are broken down by Program and Eligibility Group in the following tables:

- Table 3: Recipient Gender
- Table 4: Recipient Age
- Table 5: MDHS Recipient Ethnicity
- Table 6: DOM Recipient Ethnicity

*Note: These counts include all household members receiving benefits and are independent by program and eligibility group and will result in recipients being counted more than once as they may show up in both MDHS and DOM data for each of the programs in which they are active.*

**TABLE 3: RECIPIENT GENDER**

Program	Male		Female	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
<b>SNAP</b>	166,790	40.39%	246,138	59.61%
<b>TANF</b>	1,553	35.42%	2,832	64.58%
<b>Medicaid Eligibility Groups</b>				
<b>Adults</b>	3,984	5.43%	69,401	94.57%
<b>Aged</b>	29,354	36.06%	52,055	63.94%
<b>Blind &amp; Disabled</b>	74,665	49.00%	77,708	51.00%
<b>Children</b>	159,752	49.57%	162,494	50.43%
<b>CHIP</b>	26,807	50.67%	26,097	49.33%
<b>Family Planning Waiver</b>	3,172	16.03%	16,617	83.97%
<b>Totals</b>	466,077	41.64	653,342	58.36

**TABLE 4: RECIPIENT AGE**

Program	0-18	19-34	35-54	55 +
<b>SNAP</b>	187071	74529	79609	71719
<b>TANF</b>	2677	558	604	546
<b>Medicaid Eligibility Groups</b>				
<b>Adults</b>	515	48,869	23,389	612
<b>Aged</b>	0	0	0	81,409
<b>Blind &amp; Disabled</b>	21,238	18,282	42,866	69,987
<b>Children</b>	319,593	2,653	0	0
<b>CHIP</b>	52,655	249	0	0
<b>Family Planning Waiver</b>	168	15,037	4,584	0
<b>Totals</b>	583,917	160,177	151,052	224,273

Note: MDHS and DOM use differing methods to classify the ethnicity of their clients, thus they are represented in two separate tables, Table 5 and Table 6.

**TABLE 5: MDHS RECIPIENT ETHNICITY**

Program	African American	American Indian	Asian	Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	White	Other
<b>SNAP</b>	282340	2318	1003	131	107963	19173
<b>TANF</b>	3364	11	0	6	866	138
<b>Totals</b>	285,704	2329	1003	137	108,829	19,311

**TABLE 6: DOM RECIPIENT ETHNICITY**

Ethnicity	Adult	Aged	Blind & Disabled	Children	Chip	Family Planning Waiver
Asian	139	305	256	1,026	237	52
Asian-Indian	32	70	20	286	69	8
Black/African American	43,783	38,902	61,727	177,936	26,631	13,517
Caucasian/White	26,478	29,755	38,878	98,567	19,387	5,417
Chinese	11	29	17	148	66	5
Filipino	61	34	22	268	42	18
Guamanian or Chamorro	8	2	8	152	7	3
Hispanic	416	249	371	5,227	699	175
Japanese	9	10	2	36	5	1
Korean	9	21	7	56	15	5
Native American/Alaskan Native	616	195	354	3,049	370	75
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island	11	7	7	54	9	5
Other	1,424	6,480	2,350	33,328	5,000	374
Samoan	12	2	2	24	8	2
Unspecified Race/Unknown	321	5,225	48,306	1,706	281	110
Vietnamese	55	123	46	383	78	22
<b>Totals</b>	<b>73,385</b>	<b>81,409</b>	<b>152,373</b>	<b>322,246</b>	<b>52,904</b>	<b>19,789</b>

#### 6.1.4 Amount Spent on Advertising Means-Tested Programs

The dollar amount spent in the last fiscal year on advertising and marketing Mississippi’s means-tested programs follow in Table 7. No state funds were spent on advertising or marketing means-tested programs.

**TABLE 7: AMOUNT SPENT ON ADVERTISING MEANS-TESTED PROGRAMS**

PROGRAM	AMOUNT SPENT
MDHS – Economic Assistance Eligibility	\$295.35
DOM - Medicaid	\$0