



ARE YOU AN UNPAID CAREGIVER IN NEED OF A BREAK?

RESPIRE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Respite care is available for anyone who is providing unpaid care for a dependent person of any age with a significant disability or chronic illness requiring 24/7 care.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Call the Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center at 1-844-822-4622 and speak to a resource specialist to receive assistance with completing an application or to request an application from your local office.

HOW DOES THE RESPIRE VOUCHER PROGRAM WORK?

These vouchers may be used to pay an in-home care agency, an Adult Day Center, or a private individual to provide care to the dependent person while the caregiver is away.

Initial vouchers are provided in the amount of \$300.00 per household to approved family caregivers. Once approved, the caregiver can reapply for a REPEAT respite service in the amount of \$290 after approximately six months from the initial approval date.

Caregivers can also apply for **EMERGENCY** respite to receive a one-time payment of \$590 in the following situations:

- An emergency or unusual circumstance that is an unplanned situation that prevents the caregiver from providing the care required to the care recipient.
- An unplanned event that threatens the health and safety of the care recipient or caregiver.



Download the application for a Respite Care Voucher



Download the application for an Emergency Voucher

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 they are providing.
- 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.