



# 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 medical bills or purchase medical supplies.
- Pay for care that occurred before the voucher was issued.
- Offset the cost of paid care already in place.



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## Apply Now!



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### Find Your Local MAC Center

Greenville MAC (662) 537-2105	Jackson MAC (769) 777-7319	Hattiesburg MAC (601) 545-2137
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Gulfport MAC (228) 868-2311	Pontotoc MAC (662) 488-6983
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