

INSTRUCTIONS and REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION
For
MEDICAL/PERSONAL NEEDS GRANT APPLICATION
(Dentures / Hearing Aids / Glasses / Other)

1. **Complete the Application as thoroughly and as detailed as possible.** Mississippi Health Care Foundation (MHCF) reserves the right to request additional documentation and/or information.
2. **PLEASE NOTE** the policy on broken or lost items and residents considered short-stay that is located on the last page of the application form.
3. Required documentation should be included with the application, as follows:

Confirmation from an appropriate professional that the item is needed (e.g., dentist for dentures / ophthalmologist or optometrist for eyeglasses).

Quote of the cost of the item being requested on the vendor's letterhead or other type of vendor documentation. A second quote is required as follows:

DENTURES: If the request for a full set of dentures exceeds \$800.00, a second quote is required. If the request is for an upper or a lower set of dentures and exceeds \$400.00, a second quote is required. If you use a quote from a vendor website, you must document you called the vendor and confirmed the price.

HEARING AIDS: If the request is for hearing aids in both ears and the cost exceeds \$2120.00, a second quote is required. If the request is for a hearing aid in one ear and the cost is more than \$1110.00, a second quote is required.

The MHCF reserves the right to request second quotes on any grant request.

** The Foundation does not pay for dental visits or consults. The facility is responsible for arranging for payment for this type of service.**

The last six (6) months of Resident's financial information (e.g., Trust Fund, Bank Account).

Attach any comments or supporting documentation from nursing, therapy or others about why this request is being made for the resident and why they think it would be of benefit to the resident

4. The MHCF staff may be able to provide resources for reasonably priced grant requests.
5. Completed applications should be mailed or emailed to:

Mississippi Health Care Foundation
303 Brame Road
Ridgeland, MS 39157
foundation@mshca.com

6. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact MHCF at 601-898-8320.

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This form is to be used with the grant application information sheet when submitting a funding request for dentures, eyeglasses, hearing aids or other medical needs for an individual resident at a Mississippi licensed skilled nursing facility.

Please be sure each question is answered with as much detail as possible before submitting application.

Use additional pages if more space is needed and identify the question being addressed.

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Resident Name: _____

Resident Age: _____ Resident Gender: _____

Admit Date to Facility: _____ Expected Date of Discharge: _____

Resident considered: Short-Term Stay _____ Long-Term Stay _____

Resident Primary Pay Source at Facility: _____

Facility Name: _____

Facility Mailing Address: _____

Facility City/State/Zip: _____

Facility Phone Number: _____ Facility Fax Number: _____

Contact Name – Please Print: _____

Contact Email Address: _____

Type of Item/Service Being Requested (Be Detailed): _____

This application must have the signature of the Facility Administrator and at least one other facility staff member (must be Social Work Director, Activity Director, or Director of Nursing or other appropriate staff).

Administrator's Signature: _____

Secondary Signature & Title: _____

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Check Appropriate Stay: Long Stay Short Stay

1. Is this a replacement or new/first time request?

Replacement

New/ First Time

If you checked "Replacement," answer the following question:

Explain why the item needs to be replaced?

If you checked New/First Time answer the following question:

Explain what other options, if any, have been tried and why the option(s) used did not work or is no longer appropriate?

2. When was the last time the resident had the item?

If the resident has been without the item one year or more, explain why the items is needed at this time?

3. If the item has been lost or broken, give a detailed description of how the item was lost/broken and if the item was lost, explain what has been done to find the lost item?
(Please review the attached policy regarding lost/broken items)

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4. If the item was lost/broken, what actions have been put into place to prevent this from occurring again?

5. How will the resident benefit from the item?

6. Describe the resident's current physical condition, health status and mental status:

Physical Condition: _____

Health Status: _____

Mental Status: _____

7. Please answer the following questions specific to the resident's financial status:

Does the resident have any available resources that may possibly be used to assist with the purchase of this item/service?

What resources does the family have to assist with the purchase of the item/service?

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What resources are available at your facility or what is your facility doing that may be contributing to meeting this need of the resident?

Describe other resources, if any, that have been explored. If funding was sought from other resources, explain why such funding was not granted.

8. Answer the following question specific to the item being requested:

If the request is for DENTURES answer the following questions:

What type of diet is the resident receiving? _____

If the resident is on a regular diet, what has changed to cause the need for dentures?

If the request is for EYEGLASSES answer the following questions:

If the resident has Medicaid, what was the date that Medicaid last paid for the resident's glasses? _____

If the request is for HEARING AID(S) answer the following questions:

Has the resident used any kind of hearing device other than a hearing aid, such as amplifier?

Yes No

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If yes, when was the last time the resident used the device and why is it no longer an option?

If the request is for a hearing aid that is not an external hearing aid, explain why an external hearing aid cannot be used by the resident:

If the request is for a prosthesis (eye), explain the reason for the request and what resource assistance is needed:

Mississippi Health Care Foundation Medical & Personal Needs Grant Application Policy Statements

Policy: Eligibility for Grant

It is the general policy of the Mississippi Health Care Foundation to only consider grant applications on residents residing in Mississippi Nursing Homes with an anticipated length of stay of 100 days or more.

Policy: Lost/Broken Items

The Mississippi Health Care Foundation receives frequent requests to replace items that are lost or broken in the nursing home. It is the general policy of the Foundation that the replacement of items lost in the facility is the responsibility of the facility. The general policy for broken items is also a facility responsibility unless justification can be provided that the item was broken as a result of age or normal day to day usage by the resident, etc. However, each grant will be reviewed and a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis.

If the item was purchased by the Foundation and lost or broken within 12 months of the date of purchase, the Foundation will not consider replacing the item. If it has been more than 12 months, the policy in the above paragraph will be applied.