

WHAT TO BRING:

- 5 complete changes of clothing
- glasses and/or hearing aids
- family photos and mementos
- spending money to deposit into a patient account

DO NOT BRING:

- expensive jewelry
- weapons or sharp objects (e.g. pocket knife)
- breakable glass items
- no personal-care products containing alcohol

TRANSPORTATION

A person is committed to MSH for psychiatric care because mental health professionals and the Chancery Court believe that person, due to mental illness, is a danger to self or others. For the patient's safety, the county Sheriff's Department provides transportation to the hospital.

People committed to the Chemical Dependency Unit are transported by their families, unless they seek assistance from the Chancery Court for transportation by the Sheriff's Department.

NON-DISCRIMINATION NOTICE

Mississippi State Hospital does not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, national origin, disability or age in admission, treatment or participation in its programs, services and activities or in employment.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Admissions Department
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Eligibility Information Regarding
Medicaid, Medicare and Private Insurance
601-351-8232

Emergency Help:
Mississippi Department of Mental Health
Toll-free Help Line
877-210-8513
All Calls Are Confidential

Visit Mississippi State Hospital online at
www.msh.state.ms.us



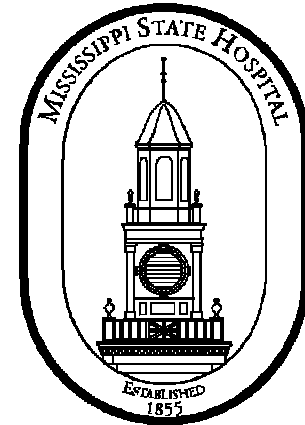
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ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL

WHITFIELD CAMPUS



"Stand on your own two feet again."

A facility of the Mississippi
Department of Mental Health

WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Mental illness is a disease that affects the brain. It is nothing to be ashamed of; and, like other illnesses such as cancer and high blood pressure, it is treatable.

Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) provides compassionate, quality care to our fellow citizens in need of mental health and chemical dependency treatment.

HOW TO GET HELP

A person may be admitted to MSH through commitment—a legal process in which a court orders a person to the hospital for treatment or evaluation. The first step toward helping someone receive our services begins with filing an affidavit (a legal document) at the Chancery Court. If a pre-evaluation screening at the local mental health center suggests hospital treatment might be needed, a second evaluation must be done either by two physicians or by a physician and a licensed, certified psychologist. If they recommend treatment in a hospital or other mental health facility, the judge will make a decision based on all the evidence presented as to whether treatment is necessary and, if so, at an inpatient or outpatient facility.

Once a person is committed to MSH, the Chancery Court sends the required legal documents to the hospital's Admissions Office.

Each person we serve receives immediate, individualized care from a team of profes-

sionals who provide medical, nursing, social work, psychological, educational and recreational care. When needed, occupational, physical and speech therapies, dieticians and chaplains are available. For a smooth transition from the hospital following treatment, discharge planning begins immediately.

No one who has felony charges pending may be admitted to MSH unless through special order by the Circuit Court.

WHO WE SERVE

MSH provides mental health care to adults, children and teens through Inpatient Services:

Adult Psychiatric Services: There are two admission areas for psychiatric services. Acute Services are for incoming adults who are evaluated, stabilized and treated in Receiving Units. The Medical Psychiatry Service is a receiving unit for chronically ill patients requiring extensive medical attention in addition to their mental health care.

Child and Adolescent Unit: Oak Circle Center (OCC) is an acute, short-term treatment service for children and adolescents between the ages of four and 17 years, 11 months. Specialized services are provided for children and adolescents who are emotionally, socially, psychologically or academically impaired. Education services are provided through Lakeside School, which is accredited by the State Board of Education.

Commitments to OCC are handled through the Youth Court.

Chemical Dependency Unit (CDU): The CDU has separate units for males and females in need of treatment for alcohol and/or drug addiction. The CDU program includes a short detoxification period, basic medical care, group therapy, counseling, family conferences and introduction to Alcoholics Anonymous.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

Psychiatric Commitment: Order of Commitment, Affidavit for Commitment, Physician's Certificate, Mental Health Four-page Screening and Patient Information Form

Chemical Dependency Unit:

- Voluntary: Order of Commitment and Patient Information Form
- Involuntary: Order of commitment signed by judge and Patient Information Form
- Emergency Involuntary: Preliminary Order of Commitment, Affidavit for Commitment, Physician's Certificate (signed by two physicians) and Patient Information Form

Oak Circle Center: Psychiatric Commitment Documents, Immunization Records, Birth Certificate and Proof of Custody (if not legal guardian)