Arkansas Health & Opportunity for Me





Welcome

Some Advisory Panel members may be joining via Zoom.

Reminder: Arkansas PBS will be live streaming meeting; watch livestream now or recording later <u>here</u>.

Meeting Focus: Increasing Opportunities for Economic Independence ARHOME Act 410 of 2021 Legislative Intent

ARHOME is intended to be a program that:

"Increases opportunities for full-time work and attainment of economic independence, especially for certain young adults, to reduce long term poverty that is associated with additional risk for disease and premature death"





ARHOME Quarterly Report

ARHOME Enrollment After PHE



Enrollment as of the first day of each month (data pulled on 6/10/2024).



New ARHOME QHP



QHP enrollment on the first day of the quarter as of 6/17/2024



Arkansas Medicaid Sustainability Review



AR Medicaid Sustainability Review

- Cost of operating Medicaid increased 41% between SFY2018 and SFY2023, and Medicaid increased from 20% of State General Revenue to 23%.
- Review purpose: Examine options to improve Medicaid program sustainability
- DHS evaluated key program areas, including PASSE, Pharmacy, Primary Care Case Management and ARHOME.
- Report focused on programmatic modifications to support sustainability, not provider rates; did not review hospital services.
- Report and supporting data can be found <u>here</u>.
- Taking comments until July 14, 2024: <u>msr@dhs.arkansas.gov</u>



ARHOME Options from MSR

- Retain ARHOME QHP model and
 - 1. Strengthen controls
 - 2. Shift some cost share dollars into premium dollars
 - 3. Increase hospital provider quality assurance fees to fund the program
- Modify ARHOME auto-assignment process to better control spending and reward QHP performance
- Move ARHOME beneficiaries to:
 - 1. Redesigned PASSE program, using Medicaid provider rates
 - 2. Medicaid managed care program, separate from PASSE
 - 3. Traditional fee for service



ARHOME Economic Independence Incentives



Economic Independence Initiative Requirements

- QHPs were required to offer one economic independence incentive in 2022; two in 2023 and 2024
- Incentive purpose: Encourage advances in beneficiaries' economic status or employment prospects.
- QHPs must include activities to support the Economic Independence Initiative in their annual strategic plans.



ARHOME Beneficiary Survey

Paper surveys mailed between Sept. and Dec. 2022; electronic surveys sent between June and July 2023.

Economic Independence Incentive Questions	Percent Favorable
Did your health plan offer you information on programs to help you get a job? This may include job and career fairs or referrals to programs to improve job skills.	12.5%
Did your health plan offer you any reward or ways to earn a reward, to join programs to help you get a job? This may include job and career fairs or referrals to programs to improve job skills.	10.6%
Did you know your health plan should promote programs to help you get a job as part of the ARHOME program?	15.7%
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2022 Economic Independence Initiatives: Results

QHP	Incentive Activity	Beneficiaries Awarded	Total Incentive Awarded
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	Earn an Arkansas Career Readiness certificate and send into Arkansas Blue	2	\$90
Health Advantage	Cross and Blue Shield for verification.	0	\$0
Ambetter	View videos on various financial topics to encourage savings, debt reduction and smart purchasing choices. The member	4,131	\$186,726
QualChoice Life	views available videos on the member's secure portal. Upon completion, members earn a My Health Pays reward and can shop at the Rewards store online or convert	1,262	\$52,240
QCA	points into money (10 points = \$1.00) to use towards healthcare-related costs or monthly bills.	1,206	\$50,234



2023 Economic Independence Initiatives: Results

QHP	Incentive Activity	Beneficiaries Awarded	Total Incentive Awarded	Total Eligible
BCBS	• Earn an Arkansas Career Readiness certificate and send into BCBS for verification; award is \$25-\$65,	5 60	\$225 \$1,500	148,674
Health Advantage	based on score on three skill levels.Complete a continuing ed class; award is \$25	1 7	\$35 \$175	41,949
Ambetter	 View videos on various financial topics to encourage savings, debt reduction and smart purchasing choices. Upon completion, members 	5,994 (video)	\$209,231 NA	73,841
QualChoice Life	earn a My Health Pays reward and can shop at the Rewards store online or convert points into money (10 points = \$1.00) to use towards healthcare-related costs or monthly bills.	2,344 (video)	\$79,096 NA	51,134
QCA	 Community health fair. Attendees received hands-on assistance with job searching & resume building. 350 people attended health fairs, including Centene members & non-members 	2,228 (video)	\$74,596 NA	51,451
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2024 Economic Independence Initiatives

QHP	Incentive Activity	Incentive Amount
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	Continuing education	\$50
Health Advantage		
Octave	Career readiness certificate	\$100-\$200
	Attendance at one	Access to assistance
Ambetter	Community Health Fair	with job searching
		and resume building
QualChoice Life	Watch videos on	
	cryptocurrency, taxes,	\$1 each in My Health
	personal finance, grocery	Pays Member Reward
QCA	guide, etc.	Program



LAUNCH and CiviForm Mike Rogers, Chief Workforce Officer, and Robert McGough, Chief Data Officer



LAUNCH and CiviForm Update for ARHOME Advisory Panel

June 25th, 2024 Robert McGough – Chief Data Officer Department of Transformation and Shared Services



Arkansas Workforce Strategy Vision

Find and Apply for Services

Residents can easily discover and connect with government or community services online.

Find and Retain Talent

Employers can easily hire and retain new or existing talent based on skills, experience, credentials, and interests.



Find Employment and Careers

Job seekers can explore and navigate local opportunities for employment and advancement based on their skills, experience, and interests.

Find Training and Education

Learners can easily find educational opportunities to acquire in-demand skills and credentials aligned with their career pathways and interests.

LAUNCH for Jobseekers

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- Explore career recommendations based on skills matching, user preferences, and successful real world job transitions from over a decade of actual Arkansas data
- See related jobs and training
- See short videos
- Additional Arkansas-specific videos and content coming soon from Edge Factor (filming now)





- Explore job recommendations
- Filter by job search focus, career path, salary range, location, posting date, etc.
- All job postings available from the National Labor Exchange (NLX)



See work search activity requirements and current status

- Download PDF report of work search activity
- Automatically submitted to state systems

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Vou are waived from the work search activity requirements for this week, but you can access career recommendations, jobs, and training recommendations at any time and track your work search activity here.

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Connecting Arkansans with Government or Community Services



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Benefits pre-screener summary

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Benefits you may qualify for

Adult Education Services Intake

Adult education's mission is to provide adult learners with the tools to improve and refine their academic skills, attain the General Educational Development® Credential, and the life skills that prepare the citizen for self-sufficiency and improvement in the quality of life. Free Services Include: -Adult Basic Education (ABE) from 0.0 grade level to 8.9 -Adult Secondary Education (ASE) from 9.0 grade level to 12.9 -English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) -Workplace Education -Correctional/Institutional Education (C&I) -Workforce Alliance for Growth in the EconomyTM (WAGE) -Learning Disabilities Screening -GED Testing Services -Arkansas Adult Learning Resource Center (AALRC) -Family Literacy

WIOA Employment and Training Services

Find out if you are eligible for certain employment and job seeker services.

WIOA Out-Of-School Youth 16-24 Years Old

Out-Of-School Youth (OSY) 16-24 Years Old

You may be able to get these benefits if you apply through the online application by clicking 'Apply to programs'.

Create an account or sign in

Log in to your Login.gov account or create an account to have your information saved. You'll be able to return at any time to complete future applications. If you do not already have an account, the login page will allow you to sign up and you won't lose any data you've already entered.



- Quickly identify and apply to potentially relevant programs and services
- Nudges when new potentially relevant programs are added

Apply

Apply

WIOA Out-Of-School Youth 16-24 Years Old

Note: Fields marked with a * are required.

Yes

Are you registered for Selective Services, or are you exempt because of gender or age?

You are exempt if you are a female, or if you are a male under 18 years old c over 64 years old.

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		 Interactive intake forms with
0	Are you a Displaced Homemaker?	explanatory text, address
Can	A Displaced Homemaker is someone who has lost the income of a family member they depended on and now needs to find a job or a better job. This could include things like 1) being a stay at home parent that now has to return work because of a job loss of the other parent, 2) divorce or death of a spouse, 3) being the spouse of an active military member and your income has changed due to deployment, relocation, or death or disability connected to service.	 verifications, and other usabili supports Multilingual 508 Compliant
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Other Features

- Quick, no-code form creation and management
- Community-based organizations and other trusted intermediaries can help residents apply through a dedicated interface
- Program administrators can manage application statuses and export information for processing or reporting
- Referrals or intakes can be sent to case management systems via API
- A curriculum has been developed for facilitating evaluation and research of integrated service delivery strategies to inform policy, practice, and referral rules

Questions?

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Closing Remarks



Next Activities

- ARHOME Public Forum to follow
- Next meeting in September, date and location TBD
- Meeting topic:
 - Results of 2023 health measures (e.g., % of women 50+ who received a mammogram)
 - Results of QHP incentives to improve those measures

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Arkansas Health & Opportunity for Me Annual Public Forum





Purpose of This Public Forum

- ARHOME operates as a Section 1115 demonstration waiver
- Federal waiver regulations require a post-award public forum to solicit comments on the progress of the demonstration
- Public has an opportunity to provide comments
- Forum summary will be included in quarterly and annual reports to CMS
- Forum materials available:

<u>ARHOME Advisory Panel Information - Arkansas Department of Human</u> <u>Services</u>


ARHOME Overview

Arkansas's Medicaid expansion program under the federal Affordable Care Act.

Serves adults:

- Between 19 and 64 years old
- With household income below 138% FPL
 Established as a Medicaid waiver program to allow
 AR to spend Medicaid dollars to buy private
 insurance for clients

Federal government pays 90%; Arkansas pays 10% CY 2023 expenditures totaled \$2.4 billion.

Current ARHOME Population

- About **238,000 people** are currently enrolled in ARHOME.
- About **13% of Arkansas's non-elderly adults** receive health coverage through ARHOME.
- About 55% of ARHOME enrollees are women; 46% are men.
- About 67% are 45 years old or younger.
- About 45% are ≤ 20% FPL; 20% are > 100% FPL



End of Public Health Emergency

- During COVID Public Health Emergency, federal government provided enhanced Medicaid matching funds in exchange for state agreements not to disenroll beneficiaries except in certain circumstances.
- Federal government set April 1, 2023, as the end date for continuous enrollment requirement and resumption of normal operations.
- Act 780 of 2021 required all Medicaid eligibility redeterminations to be completed within six months.



ARHOME Enrollment After PHE



Enrollment as of the first day of each month (data pulled on 6/10/2024).



Steps to ARHOME Renewal

What To Do

Look for your Medicaid renewal form. Fill it out. Send it back.

If You Have Questions About Your Renewal

- Call our call center at 855-372-1084
- Submit a question at ar.gov/accessanywhere
- Call or visit your local county office

If You Have Lost Health Care Coverage Because You Haven't Provided Requested Information

- You still can provide that information and have your coverage re-opened. You have 90 days after your closing date if you qualified for ARHOME.
- The easiest way to provide the needed information is by going to <u>access.arkansas.gov</u>, signing into (or creating) your account.



New ARHOME QHP



QHP enrollment on the first day of the quarter as of 6/17/2024



ARHOME: Primary Focus is Health Improvement

Health Plans are required to:

- Provide incentives to their members or providers to encourage health improvement activities.
- Submit annual Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement Strategic Plans.
- Meet annual targets on quality of care measures; DHS may assess penalties if targets are not met.
- Most recent metrics are available <u>here</u> (see pages 18-24).



ARHOME QHP Health Quality Metrics

All QHPs met the established 2022 targets for:

- Hospital readmission ratios
- Hospital admission rates for COPD or asthma, older adults
- Hospital admission rates for asthma, younger adults
- Follow-up after ED visit for substance abuse
- Asthma medication ratio
- Use of pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder
- Use of opioids at high dosage

Most QHPs met the 2022 targets for:

- Engagement of SUD treatment
- Concurrent use of opioids and benzodiazepines



ARHOME QHP Health Quality Metrics

No QHPs met the 2022 targets for:

- Cervical cancer screening
- Breast cancer screening
- Contraceptive care: postpartum and all women
- Hospital admission rates for heart failure
- Follow up after ED visit for mental illness within 30 days
- Follow up after hospitalization for mental illness within 30 days
- Adherence to medications for beneficiaries with schizophrenia

Most QHPs did not meet the 2022 targets for:

- Chlamydia screening
- Antidepressant medication management, continuation phase



ARHOME QHP Health Quality Metrics

Mixed results for:

- Hospital admission rate for diabetes short-term complications
- Initiation of SUD treatment
- Antidepressant medication management, acute phase
- Diabetes screening for people using antipsychotic medications



Life360 HOME Update

The concept: DHS contracts with hospitals to provide or contract to provide intensive care coordination ARHOME enrollees most at risk

Three types of Life360 HOMES:

- ✓ Maternal Life360 HOMEs: home visiting services to women with high-risk pregnancies
- Rural Life360 HOMEs: care coordination services to individuals with serious mental illness or substance abuse disorders living in rural areas
- ✓ Success Life360 HOMEs: help with life skills and social-related health needs for young adults most at risk



Maternal Life360 Service Delivery and Population

- Life360 hospital contracts with an evidence-based home visiting provider to provide home visiting.
- Home visiting program provides services to those with a high-risk pregnancy who live in service area up to
 - two (2) years after birth in ARHOME, or
 - one (1) year for other Medicaid beneficiaries
- ARHOME beneficiaries can continue to receive services even if they disenroll from Medicaid



* Nurse Family Partnership also serves portions of Cross, Craighead, Cleveland, Lincoln and Grant counties Created with Datawrapper



Identifying Providers: Experience so far...

- Approved two applications and reviewing two other applications
- Executed two startup agreements
- Approved 10 Letters of Intent from hospitals; nine for Maternal and one for Rural (one hospital decided not to move forward).
 - Some hospitals are partnering with an existing home visiting program, while others are starting new programs with own staff
 - Counties include Craighead, Pulaski, Saline, Independence, Faulkner, Washington and Benton
- Conducted first readiness review visit on June 17: St. Bernards in Jonesboro



Other Updates and Approvals

- Completed billing system updates to allow for enrollment of Life360 HOMEs (hospitals) and beneficiaries in CY 2023
- Created Life360 webpage: ar.gov/life360
- Amended beneficiary/provider relations contract to add support for Life360 HOME providers to enroll beneficiaries and set up call center for the program
- CMS approved state plan amendment to allow other Medicaid programs to participate in Maternal Life360; will be posted for public comment and legislative approval soon
- Other waiver deliverables revised and submitted to CMS, including the evaluation plan



Comments and Questions

- Comments and questions can be:
 - Submitted to <u>nell.m.smith@dhs.Arkansas.gov</u> or
 - Mailed to Nell Smith, Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, 700 Main Street, Little Rock, AR 72203
 - or
 - Expressed during the public comment portion of this meeting



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