

Arkansas Medicaid Policy Updates

2022



AFMC Provider Relations Outreach Services



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ARKANSAS MEDICAID

EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION WILL BE AVAILABLE THIS FALL.

Save the Date

#ARMediCon

FOR PHYSICIANS, NURSES, OFFICE MANAGERS,
BILLERS, AND HOSPITALS

In-person conference

Dec. 6

#ArDPSQAcon

FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND
WAIVER PROVIDERS

Virtual conference

Dec. 8



PHE and Medicaid Continuous Coverage set to end soon

Don't let clients lose their Medicaid Coverage!

Clients can use the Update Arkansas web page for assistance in:

- Signing up for email communication and text updates at access.arkansas.gov
- Following DHS on social media at www.facebook.com/ArkDHS
- Viewing updates at www.ar.gov/update
- Creating a new Access Arkansas account or linking their Medicaid case number to their Access Arkansas account



↑ UPDATE ARKANSAS

Medicaid Clients

Renewal letters are coming soon and we want all eligible Arkansans to stay covered.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION NOW!

We need the **most up-to-date mailing address, phone number, and email address** to make sure Medicaid clients get important paperwork. Clients can make updates:

- By calling Update Arkansas at **1-844-872-2660**
- Online at **ar.gov/update**
- By contacting their **local DHS county office**

Help us spread the word to family, friends, neighbors, and anyone else who might be enrolled in Medicaid to keep everyone covered!

Visit **ar.gov/update** for more information.

The logo for the Arkansas Department of Human Services, featuring a stylized blue figure with arms raised inside a circular seal with the text "ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES" and "AR" in the center.

APNs and Certified Nurse Midwives Can Now Enroll as AR Medicaid PCPs

Enrollment is currently open to APNs and certified nurse midwives who wish to enroll as Arkansas Medicaid Primary Care Providers (PCPs). Clients can begin selecting an APN or certified nurse midwife as their PCP, **pending CMS approval**.

Required forms:

- Arkansas Medicaid Primary Care Physician Managed Care Program Primary Care Physician Participation Agreement form (DMS-2608) and;
- The EPSDT Provider Agreement (DMS-831)

Please contact Gainwell Provider Enrollment at 1-800-457-4454 for any enrollment questions.



Laboratory and Radiology Limits for Adult Clients

For clients twenty-one (21) years of age and older, **effective 7/1/22:**

- \$500 maximum benefit limit per state fiscal year (SFY) for diagnostic laboratory services **and;**
- \$500 maximum benefit limit per SFY for radiology/other services.
- No laboratory or radiology benefit limits for clients under 21 years of age, except for the limitations on fetal echography (ultrasound) and fetal non-stress tests.
- SFY runs from July 1 through June 30.



QMB, SMB and QI-1

QMB, QI-1 and SMB are benefit plans which pay toward certain **Medicare** related expenses. These benefit plans do not have any Medicaid service coverage.

QMB: Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries, Benefit Plans 18, 38, and 48

- Pays Medicare premiums
- Pays Medicare deductibles and co-insurances
- Certain QMBs may be eligible for other limited Medicaid services if they also have an additional Medicaid benefit plan which covers Medicaid services

QI-1 and SMB: Benefit Plans 58 & 88

- Pays Medicare Part B premium



Developmental Screening in the First Three Years of Life

- Quality Measure DEV-CH requires providers to perform and document developmental screenings for children.
- Screening must be performed utilizing a validated standardized tool. Recommended ages is 9, 18, 30 months or whenever a concern is expressed.
- Documentation required: a note indicating the date on which the test was performed, the standardized tool used, and evidence of a screening result or screening score.
- CPT code 96110 is active for providers to begin using and DMS has future plans to make it a payable code. Mandatory reporting for all states occurs in 2024.
- For additional information contact mqi@afmc.org



PCMH News

- PBIP reconsideration for performance period 2021 begins 10/1/2022
- PHM reports will be available the 15th of Sept., Oct., Nov., and Dec. 2022
- Open Enrollment for 2023 - 9/26/2022 – 11/11/2022
- The PCMH webinar which was presented by DHS on May 20th webinar is now available at the following link: <https://afmc.org/health-care-professionals/arkansasmedicaid-providers/policy-and-education/webinars/pcmh-webinar-may-2022/>



Benefit Limit Extensions

Physician manual – Section 220.000

- Benefit extensions are considered after the service has been rendered and the provider has received a denial for “benefits exhausted.”
- If a Medicaid provider chooses to file for an extension of benefits and is denied due to the service not being medically necessary, the beneficiary is not responsible for the payment.
- Once the extension of benefits request has been initiated on a specific service, the provider cannot abort the process before a final decision is rendered.
- DMS considers requests for benefit extensions based on the medical necessity of the service.
- Requests must be made within 90 days of receiving the exhausted benefits denial. A copy of the Remittance Advice is required to be submitted with the request.
- The extension of benefits request must match the denied claim information.



Requesting an Extension of Benefits Using the MMIS System

Home | Eligibility | Claims | Care Management | **Provider Functions** | Files Exchange | Resources

Create Authorization | View Authorization Status | Maintain Favorite Providers

Care Management > Create Authorization Monday 02/14/2022 02:02 PM CST

Provider Name PCP PROVIDER Role IDs Provider - In Network - 1111111112 (NP)

Create Authorization ?

The * (in red) indicates required fields when the ADD button is selected.

State Medical State Dental AFMC Expand All | Collapse All

*Process Type

Requesting Provider Information

Provider ID	ID Type NPI	Name PCP PROVIDER
Taxonomy		

Beneficiary Information

*Beneficiary ID	*First Name <input type="text" value=""/>
*Last Name	
*Birth Date	

Referring Provider Information

Process Type Dropdown Menu:

- Acute Crisis Services
- Anesthesia
- Assistant Surgeon
- Hyperalimantation
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy
- Inpatient Services
- Lab and Radiology
- Lab Molecular Pathology
- Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Physician Administered Drugs
- Professional Services
- Ventilators and Equipment
- Viscosupplementation

Educational Tools - MMIS Extension of Benefits Video and Prior Authorization Job Aid



Extension of Benefits Documentation Requirements for Clinical, Outpatient, Diagnostic Laboratory, and Radiology/Other Services

Physician Manual 229.120 Documentation Requirements

B. To request extension of benefits for any benefit limited service, all applicable records that support the medical necessity of extended benefits are required.

C. Documentation requirements are as follows.

1. Clinical records **must**:

- a. Be legible and include records supporting the specific request;
- b. Be signed by the performing provider;
- c. Include clinical, outpatient, or emergency room records (as applicable) for dates of service in chronological order;
- d. Include related diabetic and blood pressure flow sheets;
- e. Include a current medication list for the date of service;
- f. Include the obstetrical record related to a current pregnancy (when applicable); and
- g. Include clinical indication for diagnostic laboratory and radiology/other services ordered with a copy of orders for diagnostic laboratory and radiology/other services signed by the physician.

2. Diagnostic laboratory and radiology/other reports **must** include:

- a. Clinical indication for diagnostic laboratory and radiology/other services ordered;
- b. Signed orders for diagnostic laboratory and radiology/other services;
- c. Results signed by the performing provider; and
- d. Current and all previous ultrasound reports, including biophysical profiles and fetal non-stress tests (when applicable).





Provider Relations Outreach Specialists Information Sheet

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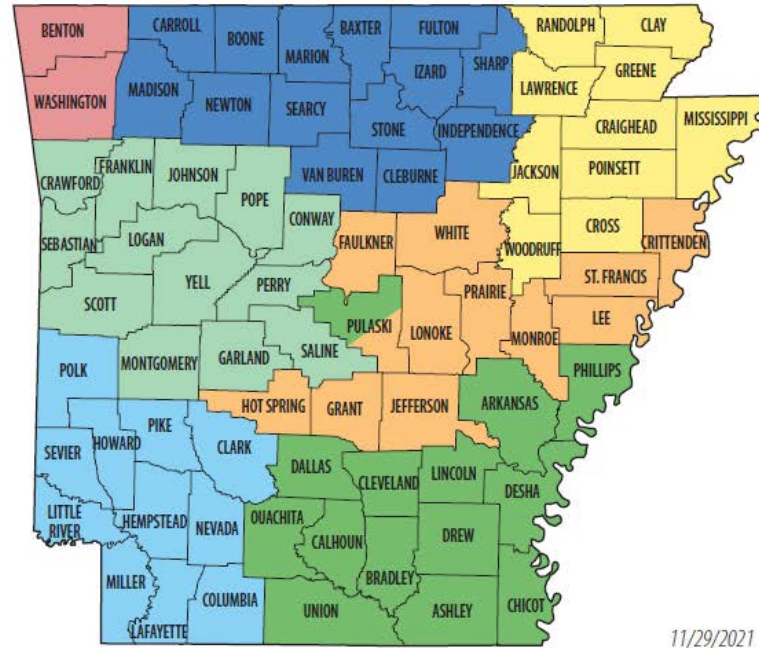
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• Gainwell Provider Assistance Center

- In-state toll free 800-457-4454
- Local / out-of-state... 501-376-2211

• Provider Enrollment

- Gainwell Technologies Services
P.O. Box 8105 • Little Rock, AR 72203-8105
- Central Arkansas..... 501-376-2211
- Fax 501-374-0746

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES



ARKIDS FIRST/MEDICAID MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

<https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov>

- ARKids First Enrollment Information 888-474-8275

CONNECTCARE

- Toll free 800-275-1131

MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT (PROVIDERS)

- Central Arkansas..... 501-682-8349

VOICE RESPONSE SYSTEM

- Toll free 800-805-1512

AFMC SERVICE CENTER (CLIENTS)

- Toll free 888-987-1200

PCMH QUESTIONS..... PCMH@afmc.org

MAGELLAN MEDICAID ADMINISTRATION

- Pharmacy Help Desk.. 800-424-7895
Prescribers, Option 2

THIRD PARTY LIABILITY

- Local..... 501-537-1070
- Fax 501-682-1644

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