

Medicaid & Maternal Health



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Agenda

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Overview of Arkansas Medicaid



Medicaid covers:

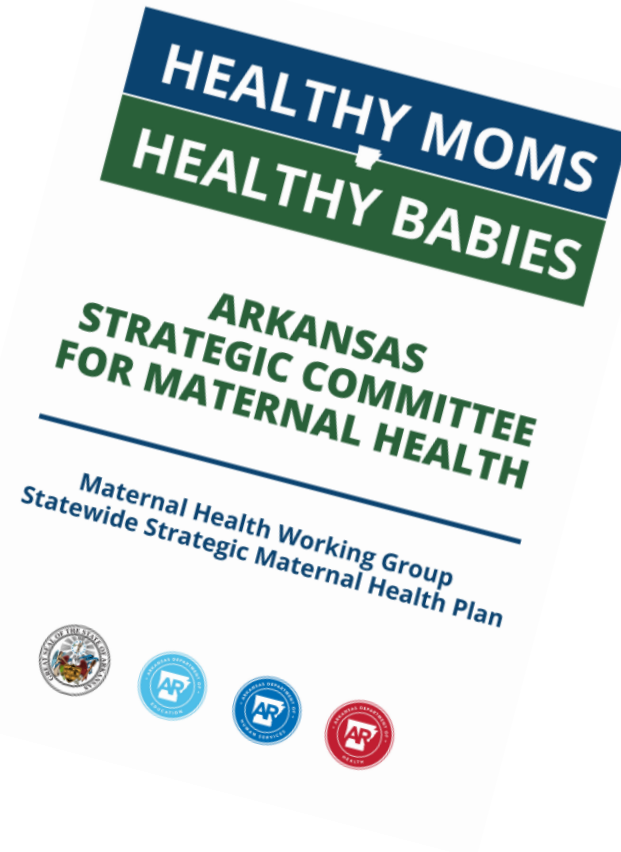
- **1 in 3 Arkansans** of all ages and approximately **1 in 2 children**.
- Almost **50% of all births**.
- **80% of behavioral health** services.

- ❖ **Arkansas is an expansion state.** We are the only state that purchases private insurance for this population.
- ❖ We have a very small managed care program.
- ❖ We do not have 12 months post-partum coverage.
- ❖ All pregnant women in Medicaid get **full Medicaid benefits**.
- ❖ We do have an HRSN program for pregnant women called **Maternal Life360 Homes**.



Maternal Health Task Force Recommendations for Medicaid

- ❖ Evaluate reimbursement across the maternal health landscape, including family planning and contraception.
- ❖ Implement presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.
- ❖ Improve identification and referral of pregnant and post-partum women at risk of losing coverage (i.e., through dashboards).
- ❖ Expand Medicaid services for pregnant or parenting women experiencing substance use disorders.
- ❖ Increase telehealth usage and expand options for mobile units.
- ❖ Reduce transportation barriers.



Medicaid's Next Steps for Maternal Health

- ❖ We have applied for the Transforming Maternal Health (TMaH) grant, which is a focus of the Maternal Health Taskforce.
- ❖ We are moving forward with Presumptive Eligibility.
- ❖ We are working with the Arkansas Insurance Department to improve the referral process for women at risk of losing coverage.
- ❖ We will work with the Legislature, the Health Department, and the newly formed Doula Alliance to add Doula services.
- ❖ We are adding Pregnancy Metrics to the IQI (such as syphilis testing at birth).



Other Medicaid Initiatives

- ❖ Urgent Care Rule
- ❖ Transition to Dental Fee for Service
- ❖ Rate Reviews
- ❖ ARHOME renewal

