



# CORONAVIRUS

## UPDATE

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## COVID-19 Update, 8/20

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### Status Update as of 8/20 from ADH Website:

[View the ADH COVID-19 Dashboard here.](#)

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 54,765
- Active cases - 5,566
- Recovered patients - 48,558
- New cases since 8/19 - 549
- Deaths - 641
- Patients in the hospital - 499
- Patients on ventilators - 108

### Preventing COVID-19-related Outbreaks of Vaccine-Preventable Childhood Diseases in Children: New Reimbursement Opportunity for Primary Care Physicians

The Arkansas CARES Act Committee has approved a new reimbursement opportunity for PCPs who have a Vaccines For Children program. Eligible practices can receive up to \$30 per Medicaid PCCM-attributed patient for non-reimbursable expenses focused on vaccines. This means \$8.77 million is

available for practices for qualifying expenses. AMS supported the proposal that the Arkansas Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics presented to DHS.

This effort will help to minimize the negative impact of COVID-19 on childhood vaccinations. PCP practices that serve children may be eligible for reimbursements for expenses from March 1 to October 1, 2020, to help close the pediatric immunization gap resulting from COVID-19's impact on primary care.

### **Eligibility:**

To qualify for reimbursements, practices must:

- Be an Arkansas Medicaid Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) provider who serves Arkansas Medicaid pediatric beneficiaries
- Not be owned or operated by the State of Arkansas
- Participate in the Vaccines for Children program

### **Reimbursement:**

- Reimbursements are for eligible costs incurred between March 1 and October 1, 2020. Practices must submit required documentation detailing expenditures by October 15, 2020.
- Practices may receive reimbursements for enhanced vaccine-related expenditures that are not reimbursable through other sources.
- The maximum reimbursement for each practice is \$30 per Medicaid-attributed child.
- Medicaid ARKids A or ARKids B attribution will be determined by the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) using the PCCM attribution reports from March 2020.

### **Reimbursements are available for enhanced immunization efforts including, but not limited to:**

- Vaccine outreach initiatives to encourage parents to have their children vaccinated
- School- or childcare-linked childhood immunization delivery to ensure schools and childcare centers meet the October deadline for students to be fully immunized
- Patient and visitor safety procedures to ensure families who want to make an office visit feel safe doing so
- Enhanced vaccine program infrastructure, such as additional staff to oversee increased vaccine delivery
- Electronic Health Record (EHR) systems optimization to improve and automate outreach
- Mass flu vaccination or parking lot immunization events to prevent multiple simultaneous disease outbreaks

Please visit the Arkansas Department of Human Services' website for FAQs and to access the application

at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/resources/response-covid-19/response-covid-19-providers-1>.

## PPE



View our updated information on personal protective equipment at [ARKMED.org/ppe](https://www.arkmed.org/ppe) or visit [arkansasready.com/ppe](https://arkansasready.com/ppe) for Arkansas PPE vendors.

## Telemedicine



View the latest information from insurance carriers, HIPAA, and other sources on telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis at [ARKMED.org/telemedicine](https://www.arkmed.org/telemedicine)

## Financial Resources



We've compiled all of the financial resources that you may need for your clinic or practice during the COVID-19 crisis at <https://www.arkmed.org/financial-assistance-during-covid-19/>.

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## Got Questions? Let Us Help.

The Arkansas Medical Society is here to serve our physician members and their medical teams. On our website, we have a place that you can send us questions or share what you're experiencing. Visit [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19) and click on the Got Questions box. We will respond to your question as soon as possible. Thank you for your hard work and together we will make it through this crisis.

For more AMS COVID-19 Resources, visit [ARKMED.org/covid19](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19).

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