

# Arkansas Medicaid



**DHS** Home & Community Based Services (HCBS)



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## What is Arkansas Medicaid?

Arkansas Medicaid is a public insurance program that provides health care coverage to eligible individuals.

## Who is eligible for Arkansas Medicaid?\*

Eligibility depends on the individual's income, assets, age, and living situation. Most individuals who can get Medicaid are in one of these groups:



**Adults and families with low income**



**Pregnant women and newborns**



**Individuals with disabilities**



**Individuals with behavioral health needs**



**Older adults**



**Children**

## Who is responsible for administering Arkansas Medicaid?

Arkansas Medicaid is managed by the Department of Human Services (DHS). Within DHS, the Division of County Operations (DCO) manages all eligibility decisions, and the Division of Medical Services (DMS) manages program operations.

## Medicaid vs Medicare

**Arkansas Medicaid is a separate program from Medicare.** Medicare is a federal public insurance program for people 65 and older, and some people under 65 with certain disabilities or conditions.

\*In Arkansas, DHS determines eligibility for Medicaid services for every category of assistance except Social Security Income (SSI), which is determined by the Social Security Administration.

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