



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

June 1, 2023

Honorable Xavier Becerra
Secretary, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Secretary Becerra,

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, I am pleased to submit a request to amend our Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Project, "Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me" (ARHOME waiver). The "Opportunities for Success" amendment builds upon the current ARHOME waiver approved by your administration that includes the Life360 program. That program provides intensive supports to improve health outcomes for targeted populations within Medicaid, including pregnant women, new mothers, and young adults at risk of long-term poor health outcomes and poverty. We also have benefited from observing other approved state waivers that address individuals' health-related social needs and your administration's stated goal of caring for the "whole person."

We have taken a fresh approach to engaging able-bodied adults in the ARHOME waiver with a primary focus on those who are unemployed. The Opportunities for Success amendment will provide a Success Coach to those with income at or below 20 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The Success Coach will screen individuals for their health-related social needs, connect them to local resources, and provide focused care coordination services. The coach will develop individualized action plans to assist individuals to get "on track" and support individuals on their pathway to personal and family sustainability.

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We have eliminated the administrative hurdles encountered during the 2018-2019 work requirements experience. Individuals would not have to track time and do not have to report activities to demonstrate their effort. Individuals will not lose Medicaid eligibility.

The Opportunities for Success amendment is aligned with the goals of other approved Medicaid waivers designed to address individuals' health-related social needs and builds on the efforts we have planned for the already approved Life360 HOME program. We look forward to working with you towards timely approval of this waiver amendment for a January 1, 2024, start date.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas