

# ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY THERAPY

### PLAN OF ACTION

#### **Testing for antibodies**

Hospitals have the discretion regarding the usage of federal funding allocated through the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) to be directed testing for antibodies. To date, \$9 million in federal funding has been earmarked to be distributed to rural hospitals statewide for the purpose of COVID-19 related testing.

#### **ADH's Involvement with Monoclonal Antibody Treatments/Infusions**

Arkansas has been a pioneer and champion of monoclonal antibody (MAB) therapy ever since it was introduced at the end of 2020. Early and aggressive therapy with MAB has prevented multiple hospitalizations and deaths in the state over the past year. Though the availability of various MAB therapies has changed our strategy to utilize them to the fullest extent possible has not.

ADH, through its Healthcare-Associated Infections and Office of Preparedness Programs, has provided several educational seminars on benefits and utilization of MABs to Arkansas Medical Society, American College of Physicians, Arkansas Hospital Association, Arkansas Pharmacy Association, numerous Long Term Care Facilities, besides fielding hundreds of calls from various providers and facilities. Due to these efforts, there has been a continued increase in MAB utilization in the state with the rapid expansion of facilities utilizing this therapy in a variety of settings.

When MAB therapy was first introduced, national utilization rates were very low in the 20-30% range. Arkansas quickly enhanced its efforts and we were consistently utilizing 50-60% of our quota, which was double the national average utilized weekly. This has played a crucial role in preventing hospitalizations, especially in our unvaccinated population. In the past couple of months, ADH has developed the MAB squad to help our minority and underserved populations in the state and connecting them with local providers to ensure acceptance and utilization of MAB therapy.

Today we have over 160 sites providing MAB therapy. The sites are posted on the ADH website which provides the public with their address and contact information for appointment scheduling. The locations can be found in 61 counties, and for the 14 counties without an infusion site, the surrounding counties are providing coverage and taking appointments for them.

Since our first shipment on September 8th, 2020, where the first two facilities that received MABs (Casirivimab/Imdevimab) were Stone County Medical Center and Arkansas Children's Northwest, Arkansas has administered over 45,000 doses. We are currently administering between 2600 - 3650 doses per week.

ADH also maintains a small “buffer” stock to assist facilities when they are having trouble receiving an allocation from Amerisource Bergen (ADH validates usage and number of patients), delay in Amerisource Bergen shipment, LTCF, Nursing Homes, Jail/Detention Center, etc. to include outbreaks.

Unfortunately, as of 9/14/2021, HHS has transitioned from direct ordering of monoclonal antibodies to a state-coordinated distribution system, like the system that was used from November 2020 - February 2021. Hospitals and other administration sites will no longer order from AmeriSource Bergen directly. The federal government will determine the total allocation amount for each state based upon state cases and hospitalizations, and utilization as reported to HHS Protect / TeleTracking. ADH will then be required to determine which sites will receive MABs and what amount. Our state allotment for the week of 9/15/2021 is Bamlanivimab 370 doses and Regeneron’s REGN-COV2 – 3260 doses for a total of 3630 doses.

ADH is very experienced with this process since this was the way allocations and ordering were conducted during 2020 into 2021. We have already met with all our sites and have provided a streamlined order process and we have already taken over 80 orders from the administration sites since 9:00 Wednesday morning.

While ADH anticipates that Arkansas hospitals will not see an immediate decrease in supplies coming to the state, NIH has recently updated treatment guidelines to help prioritization when supplies are low.

### **Monoclonal Antibody Activity at ADH Local Health Units**

When someone presents to the LHU for a Rapid or PCR COVID test, the patient is educated on MAB treatment and given an informational flyer about the treatment. If the person tests POS on a rapid in the LHU they are entered into our portal and if they are interested in the MAB treatment that information is also entered. Each morning we get a report from the portal that indicates anyone that tested POS via a rapid test in the LHU the day before. Using that list we extract those that are interested in the MAB treatment and send them to an internal team to call and connect them with a treatment center near their residence, go over the procedure for getting treatment and assist if needed.

If the person that tests POS in the LHU via a Rapid test has no PCP that information is also entered into the portal and those individuals are extracted from the report and sent to our team at Baptist that will connect with those patients and evaluate them for MAB via telemed. This is needed to establish the patient/provider relationship so that an order can be created if the patient wants the treatment and is eligible.

Those individuals that test POS through a PCR test are educated while testing about MAB and given a flyer. Once the results come in, the LHU and MAB teams through the Office of Health Equity place calls to those individuals and offers the treatment and assist in getting the patient connected with a treatment location. If the POS PCR patient does not have a PCP, those individuals are then routed to the Baptist team for follow-up.

## **Funding for the Monoclonal Antibody Therapy (MAb) Squad - \$850,000**

The Monoclonal Antibody Therapy (MAb) Squad is a special team called who directly contacts high-risk patients as soon as their COVID-19 test results are positive to connect them with treatment at infusion centers across the state.

Current Mab Contractor fees - \$3,250

Contractor Fees and Supplies

Proposed allocation: \$500,000 for two years.

Contractors will be paid on hourly bases at rates set by the state of Arkansas for general and medical professional salaries. These pay rates are as follows:

Title	Hourly Rate
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	\$17.38
Registered Nurse (RN)	\$30.69
Nurse Practitioner (NP)	\$42.97
General Physician (MD, DO)	\$53.79

Funds may also be spent on supplies as needed. Supplies may include general office supplies, cellphones, and laptops, etc. Contractors will be added to handle the MAb squad caseload as needed.

Transportation

Proposed allocation - \$350,000 for two years.

Transportation for MAb patients who do not have any means of transporting themselves to MAb infusion centers for treatment will be provided. Transportation will be available to MAb patients located anywhere in the state. Transportation costs will be billed per patient based on the following rates:

### **Monoclonal Antibody Media Estimation – \$ 103,848**

Broadcast	\$	53,457.80
Cable	\$	9,599.40
CTV	\$	10,588.20
Radio	\$	11,961.10
Digital	\$	11,790.40
Print	\$	2,951.10
Production	\$	3,500.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>103,848.00</b>

Compiled: 09/16/2021 by ADH

Site Name	Location
1st Choice Healthcare	201 Colonial Dr, Walnut Ridge, AR 72476
Access Medical Clinic	106 North Van Buren, Weiner, AR 72479
Achor Family Pharmacy	1900 Club Manor Drive STE 101, Maumelle, AR 72113
ADVANCED CARE HOSPITAL OF WHITE CO	1200 SOUTH MAIN ST,SEARCY,AR 72143
Advanced Primary Care	5320 West Sunset Ave STE 157, Springdale, AR 72762
Amerita specialty Infusion	2709 SE Otis Corley Dr. STE 19, Bentonville, AR 72712
Anderson's Discount Pharmacy	700 Lexington Ave, Fort Smith, AR 72901
AR CHILDRENS HSP PHCY	1 CHILDRENS WAY SLOT 34,LITTLE ROCK,AR 72202
AR Department of Corrections	6814 Princeton Pike, Pine Bluff, AR 71602
ARKANSAS CHILDRENS NORTHWEST	2601 GENE GEORGE BLVD,SPRINGDALE,AR 72762
Arkansas Children's Northwest	2601 Gene George Boulevard, Springdale, AR 72703
ARKANSAS DEPT OF HEALTH	4815 West Markham Street, Little Rock, AR 72205
ARKANSAS HEART HOSPITAL	1701 S SHACKELFORD RD,LITTLE ROCK,AR 72211
ARKANSAS HOSP LLC	609 W MAPLE AVE,SPRINGDALE,AR 72764
ARKANSAS METHODIST MED CTR	900 W KINGS HWY,PARAGOULD,AR 72450
ASHLEY COUNTY MED CTR	1015 UNITY RD,CROSSETT,AR 71635
BAPTIST HEALTH FORT SMITH	1001 TOWNSON AVE,FORT SMITH,AR 72901
BAPTIST HEALTH MED CTR CONWAY	1555 EXCHANGE AVE,CONWAY,AR 72032
BAPTIST HEALTH MED CTR HEBER SPR	1800 BYPASS RD,HEBER SPRINGS,AR 72543
BAPTIST HEALTH MED CTR NLR	3333 SPRINGHILL DR,NORTH LITTLE ROCK,AR 72117
BAPTIST HEALTH MED CTR STUTTGART	1703 BUERKLE ROAD,STUTTGART,AR 72160
BAPTIST HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER - HOT SPRING CC	1001 SCHNEIDER DRIVE. MALVERN, AR 72104
Baptist Health Medical Center-Stuttgart	1703 N Buerkle Street112098033, Stuttgart, AR 72160
BAPTIST HLTH MED CTR ARKADELPHIA	3050 TWIN RIVERS DR,ARKADELPHIA,AR 71923
BAPTIST HLTH MED CTR LITTLE ROCK	11401 INTERSTATE 30,LITTLE ROCK,AR 72209
BAPTIST HLTH MED CTR PHCY	9601 BAPTIST HEALTH DRIVE,LITTLE ROCK,AR 72205
BAPTIST MEM HOSP CRITTENDEN INC	2100 NORTH 7TH ST,WEST MEMPHIS,AR 72301
BAPTIST MEM HOSP NEA	4800 E JOHNSON AVE,JONESBORO,AR 72401
BAXTER REG MED CTR	624 HOSPITAL DR,MOUNTAIN HOME,AR 72653
Boston Mountain Rural Health Center, Inc.	2263 Hwy 65 North, Marshall, AR 72650
BRADLEY CO MED CTR	404 S BRADLEY ST,WARREN,AR 71671
Buerkle Drug Company	202 S Main, Stuttgart, AR 72160
Cabot Emergency Hospital	212 Willie Ray Dr., Cabot, AR 72023
CHAMBERS MEMORIAL HOSP PHCY	719 DETROIT ST,DANVILLE,AR 72833
Chenal Urgent Care	11600 Chenal Parkway Ste. 5, Little Rock, AR 72113

CHI ST VINCENT HOSP HOT SPRINGS	300 WERNER ST,HOT SPRINGS,AR 71913
CHICOT MEM HOSP	2729 HWY 65 AND 82,LAKE VILLAGE,AR 71653
Coleman Pharmacy of Alma	110 Fayetteville Ave, Alma, AR 72921
Collier Drug Store Dickson	100 W. Dickson Street, Fayetteville, AR 72701
Community Clinic NWA	610 East Emma Ave, Springdale, AR 72762
Community Pharmacy of Springdale	400 W Emma Avenue, Springdale, AR 72764
CRMC CONWAY REG MED CTR INC WAC	2302 COLLEGE AVE,CONWAY,AR 72034
CROSSRIDGE COMM HOSP	310 S FALLS BLVD,WYNNE,AR 72396
DALLAS COUNTY MED CTR	201 CLIFTON,FORDYCE,AR 71742
Dardanelle Regional Medical Center	200 N 3rd St., Dardanelle, AR 72834
De Queen Health and Wellness Pharmacy	1357 W Collin Raye Dr, De Queen, AR 71832
Delta Medical Infusion	375 E. Millsap Rd. Suite 3, Fayetteville, AR 72703
DELTA MEMORIAL HOSP	811 HIGHWAY 65 S,DUMAS,AR 71639
DEWITT HOSP AND NURSING HOME	1641 S WHITEHEAD DR,DE WITT,AR 72042
DREW MEMORIAL HOSPITAL INC	778 SCOGIN DRIVE,MONTICELLO,AR 71655
East Arkansas Family Health Center Pharmacy	900 N. 7th St, West Memphis, AR 72301
East Gate Pharmacy	24615 Hwy 5, Lonsdale, AR 72087
Econo-Med Pharmacy	1 Choctaw Ctr., Cherokee Village, AR 72529
Eureka Springs Hospital	24 Norris Street , Eureka Springs, AR 72632
Everest Rehabilitation Hospital	4313 S Pleasant Crossing Blvd, Rogers, AR 72758
EXPRESS RX AT NATIONAL PARK	105 SAWTOOTH OAK STREET, HOT SPRINGS, ARKANSAS 71
Express Rx of Cabot	1848 W. Main St, Suite B, Cabot, Arkansas 72023
EXPRESS RX OF HEBER SPRINGS	600 West Main Street, Heber Springs, AR 72543
Express Rx of Hope	717 South Main Street, Hope, AR 71801
Express Rx of Otter Creek	10100 Stagecoach Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72210
EXPRESS RX OF PARIS	508 EAST WALNUT STREET, PARIS, ARKANSAS 72855
Express Rx of Pine Bluff	3006 WEST 28TH AVENUE, PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS 71603
EXPRESS RX OF PRESCOTT	1430 WEST 1ST STREET, PRESCOTT, ARKANSAS 71857
Express Rx of Sherwood	8730 Brockington Road, Sherwood, AR 72120
EXPRESS RX OF TRUMANN	329 HIGHWAY 463 NORTH, TRUMANN, ARKANSAS 72472
Express Rx on Cantrell	7612 Cantrell Rd, Little Rock, AR 72227
FIVE RIVERS MED CTR	2801 MED CTR DR,POCAHONTAS,AR 72455
FORREST CITY MEDICAL CENTER	1601 NEWCASTLE RD,FORREST CITY,AR 72335
FULTON COUNTY HOSP	679 N MAIN ST,SALEM,AR 72576
Glenwood Family Medicine	248 Highway 70 E, Glenwood, AR 71943
GREAT RIVER MED CTR PHCY	1520 N DIVISION ST,BLYTHEVILLE,AR 72315

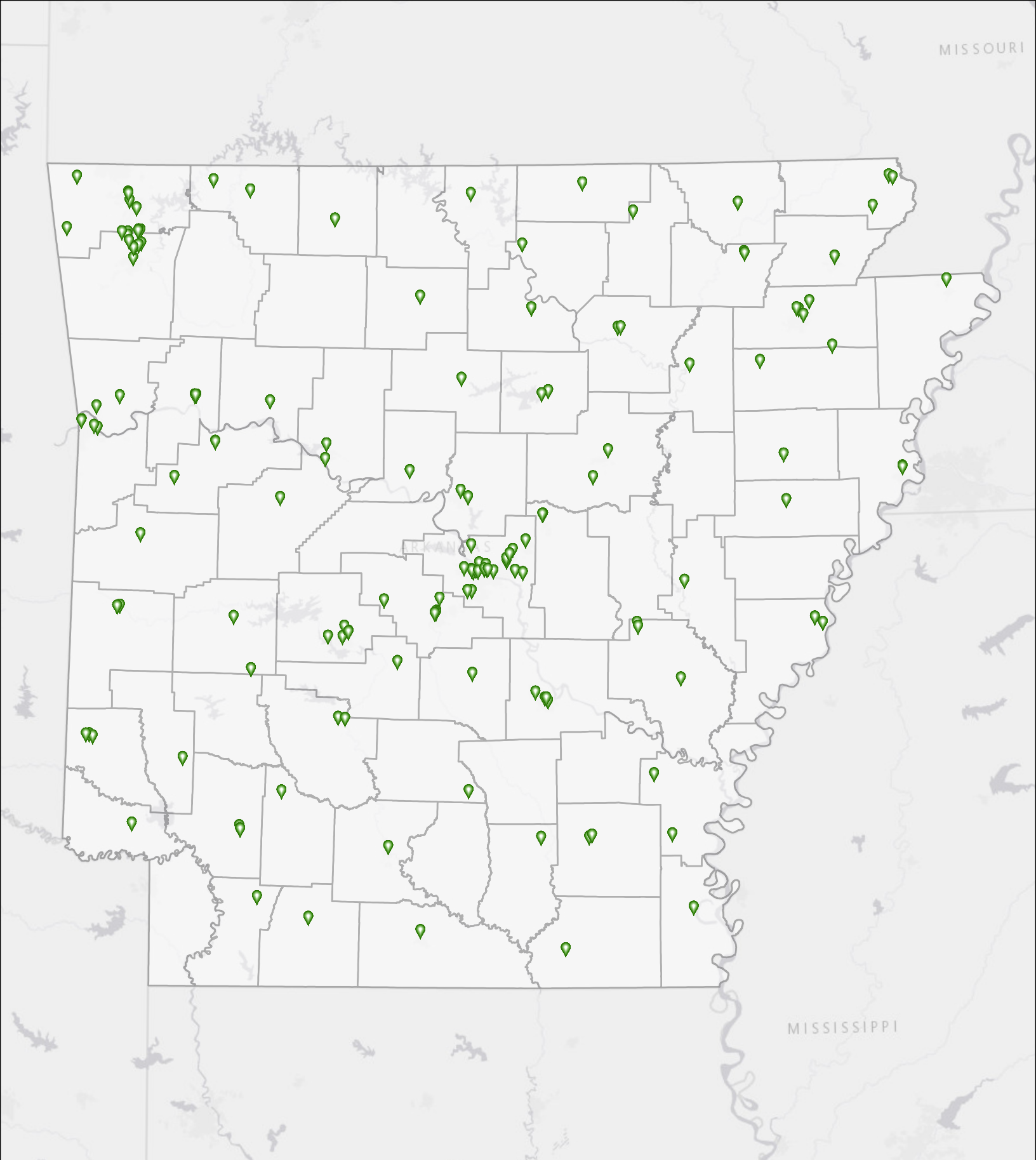
Hamilton West Family Medicine	1629 Airport Road, Suite B, Hot Springs, AR 71913
Health And Wellness of AR	8114 Cantrell Rd. Ste 201, Little Rock, AR 72227
Healthy Connections Inc.	136 Health Park Drive, MENA, AR 71953
Helena Regional Medcal Center	1801 Martin Luther King Dr., Helena, AR 72342
Higginbotham Family Clinic	1002 Schneider Drive #104, Malvern, AR 72104
HOWARD MEMORIAL HOSP PHARMACY	130 MEDICAL CIRCLE,NASHVILLE,AR 71852
Hudson Pharmacy	1609 Main Street, Van Buren, AR 72956
Hyde Pharmacy Inc	1001 W Kingshighway, Paragould, AR 72450
Izard County Medical Center	61 Grasse Street, Calico Rock, AR 72519
JEFFERSON REG MED CTR	1600 W 40TH AVE,PINE BLUFF,AR 71603
JOHNSON REG MED CTR	1100 E POPLAR ST,CLARKSVILLE,AR 72830
Kabafusion AR, LLC	2901 E. Zion Rd, Suite 11,, Fayetteville, AR 72703
KavanaughRx LLC. DBA Kavanaugh Pharmacy	5008 Kavanaugh Blvd, Little Rock, AR 72207
LAWRENCE MEM HOSP	1309 WEST MAIN ST,WALNUT RIDGE,AR 72476
LEO LEVI HOSP	300 PROSPECT ST,HOT SPRINGS,AR 71901
LITTLE RIVER MEMORIAL HOSP	451 W LOCKE ST,ASHDOWN,AR 71822
Lofton Family Clinic	203 W De Queen Ave, De Queen, AR 71832
MAGNOLIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER	101 HOSPITAL DR,MAGNOLIA,AR 71753
MCGEHEE HOSP INC	900 S 3RD ST,MCGEHEE,AR 71654
MED CTR SOUTH ARKANSAS-UNION	700 W GROVE ST,EL DORADO,AR 71730
MEDI-QUIK PHARMACY	810 W COMMERCIAL ST, OZARK, AR 72949
Medisav Pharmacy #2	8820 ROGERS AVE, FORT SMITH, AR 72903
MENA REGIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM	311 MORROW ST N,MENA,AR 71953
MERCY HOSP BERRYVILLE	214 CARTER ST,BERRYVILLE,AR 72616
MERCY HOSP FORT SMITH	7301 ROGERS AVE,FORT SMITH,AR 72903
MERCY HOSP NW ARKANSAS	2710 RIFE MED LN,ROGERS,AR 72758
MERCY HOSPITAL BOONEVILLE	880 W MAIN ST BOONEVILLE, AR 72927
MERCY HOSPITAL OZARK	801 W RIVER ST OZARK, AR 72949
MERCY HOSPITAL PARIS	500 E ACADEMY ST PARIS, AR 72855
MERCY HOSPITAL WALDRON	1341 W 6TH ST WALDRON, AR 72958
N ARKANSAS REG MED CTR	620 N MAIN ST,HARRISON,AR 72601
NATIONAL PARK MED CTR	1910 MALVERN AVE,HOT SPRINGS NATIONAL PARK,AR 71901
NORTH METRO MED CTR	1400 BRADEN ST,JACKSONVILLE,AR 72076
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER- SPRINGDALE	609 W MAPLE; SPRINGDALE, AR 72764
NORTHWEST MEDICAL CTR OF BENTON CO	3000 MEDICAL CENTER PKWY,BENTONVILLE,AR 72712
NW HLTH PHCYSICIANS SPCLTY HOSPITAL	3873 N PARKVIEW DR,FAYETTEVILLE,AR 72703

OMNICARE OF LITTLE ROCK	7301 INDUSTRY DR, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72117
OUACHITA CNTY MED CTR	638 CALIFORNIA AVE SW,CAMDEN,AR 71701
OZARK HEALTH MEDICAL CENTER	2500 HWY 65 S,CLINTON,AR 72031
Ozark Wellness Clinic	102 West College St,, Ozark, AR 72949
OZARKS COMMUNITY HOSP OF GRAVETTE	1101 JACKSON STREET SW,GRAVETTE,AR 72736
Pafford Health Systems	100 E 20th Street, Suite D, Hope, AR 71801
Park West Pharmacy	904 Autumn Rd. Suite 275, Little Rock, AR 72211
PEOPLES DRUG AND GIFTS	237 Main Street, stamps, AR 71860
Pharmacy Care of Arkansas	518 Clay Street, Arkadelphia, AR 71923
PHARMERICA - N LITTLE ROCK 903	3809 MCCAIN PARK DR. STE 105, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 7
PIGGOTT COMM HOSP	1206 GORDON DUCKWORTH DR,PIGGOTT,AR 72454
piggott pharmacy	648 E Main St, Piggott, AR 72454-2907
Polk Pharmacy	333 Madison St, Clarendon, AR 72029
Premier Pharmacy Care	760 Michaela Drive, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72117
Premier Pharmacy Care (2)	834 E Henri De Tonti Blvd, Springdale, AR 72762
RANDY D WALKER MD PLLC	1553 West Collin Raye Drive, De Queen, AR 71832
RECTOR DOWNTOWN DRUG	403 s. Main, Rector, Arkansas 72461
Red River Pharmacy of Jonesboro	910 Professional Acres, Jonesboro, AR 72401
RedRiver Pharmacy of Little Rock	1200 Business Park Drive Suite A, Little Rock, AR 72204
Salem Pharmacy	1208 Salem Rd, Benton, AR 72019
SALINE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	1 MEDICAL PARK DR,BENTON,AR 72015
Sheridan Family Pharmacy	677 Heritage Dr, Sheridan, AR 72150
SILOAM SPRINGS REG HOSP	603 N PROGRESS AVE,SILOAM SPRINGS,AR 72761
Smith-Caldwell Drug Store	414 N Main Street, Benton, AR 72015
Southern Pharmacy of Arkansas	3001 Apache Drive, Jonesboro, AR 72401
ST BERNARDS REG MED CTR	225 E WASHINGTON AVE,JONESBORO,AR 72401
ST MARYS REGIONAL MED CTR	1808 WEST MAIN ST,RUSSELLVILLE,AR 72801
ST VINCENT INFIRMARY	2 ST VINCENT CIRCLE,LITTLE ROCK,AR 72205
ST VINCENT INFIRMARY MED CTR	2 ST VINCENT CIRCLE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 7220
ST VINCENT INFIRMARY PHARMACY EMPRX	TWO ST VINCENT CIRCLE,LITTLE ROCK,AR 72205
ST VINCENT MEDICAL CENTER NORTH	2215 WILDWOOD AVE,SHERWOOD,AR 72120
ST VINCENT MORRILTON	4 HOSPITAL DR,MORRILTON,AR 72110
STONE COUNTY MED CTR	2106 EAST MAIN ST,MOUNTAIN VIEW,AR 72560
Stone County Medical Center	2016 East Main Street, Mountain View, AR 72560
The Prescription Pad Pharmacy	539 highway, 425 south monticello, AR 71655
ThePharmacy, LLC DBA The Pharmacy at Wellington	15400 Chenal Parkway, Suite 100, Little Rock, AR 72211

UAMS East - Helena	1393 Hwy 242 Soutn, Helena, AR 72342
Unity Health Harris Medical Center	1205 McLain St, Newport, AR 72112
UNIV HSP SLOT 571	4301 W MARKHAM ST SLOT 571,LITTLE ROCK,AR 72205
Village Pharmacy	500 W Commercial St, Ozark, AR 72949
WADLEY REG MED CTR AT HOPE	2001 S MAIN ST,HOPE,AR 71801
WAGNER'S MOUNT IDA PHARMACY	744 HWY 270 E, MOUNT IDA, AR 71957
WASHINGTON REG MED CTR	3215 N HILLS BLVD,FAYETTEVILLE,AR 72703
West Side Pharmacy	620-C West South Street, Benton, AR 72015
WHITE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER	3214 E RACE STREET,SEARCY,AR 72143
White County Medical Center South	1200 S Main St, Searcy, AR 72143
WHITE RIVER MEDICAL CENTER INC	1710 HARRISON ST,BATESVILLE,AR 72501
Whitehall Pharmacy LLC	2302 West 28th Avenue, Pine Bluff, AR 71603
WILLOW CREEK WOMENS HOSP	4301 GREATHOUSE SPRINGS RD,JOHNSON,AR 72741
Wood-lawn Heights	2800 Neely St., Batesville, AR 72501
WOODRIDGE BEHAVIORAL CENTER	600 N 7TH ST,WEST MEMPHIS,AR 72301

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# Monoclonal Antibodies Therapy Site Locations

as reported to the Arkansas Department of Health, 16 Sept. 2021