

# **PUBLIC HEALTH BRIEFING**

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## **OUR MISSION, VISION & VALUES**

### **MISSION**

ACHI's mission is to be a catalyst for improving the health of Arkansans through evidence-based research, public issue advocacy, and collaborative program development.

### **VISION**

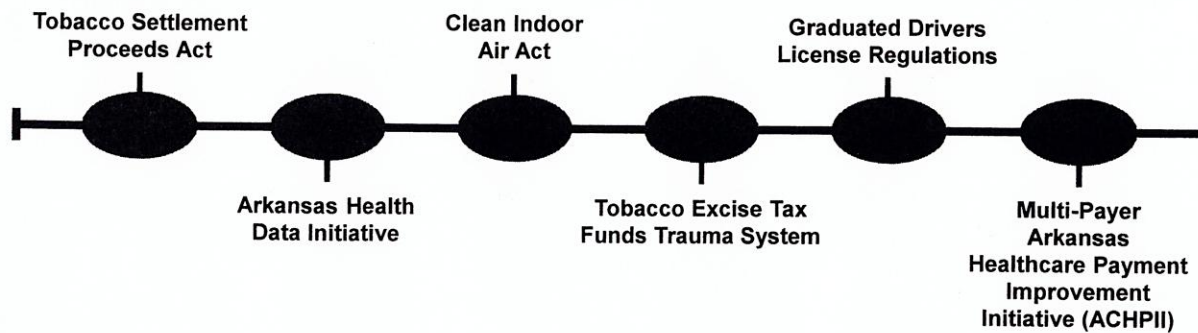
ACHI's vision is to be a trusted health policy leader committed to innovations that improve the health of Arkansans.

### **VALUES**

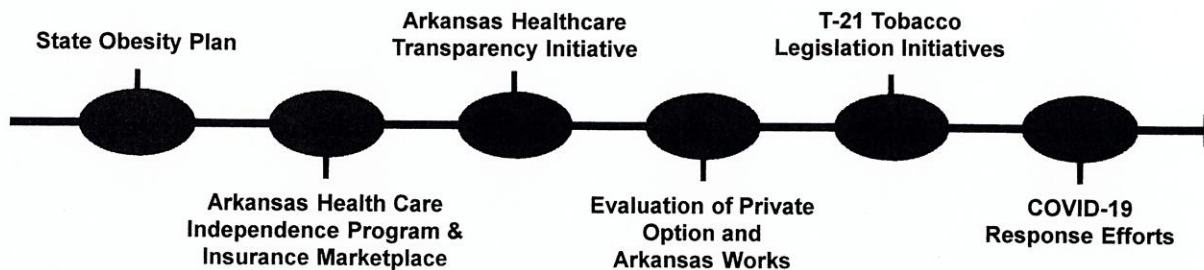
ACHI's values are trust, innovation, initiative, and commitment.



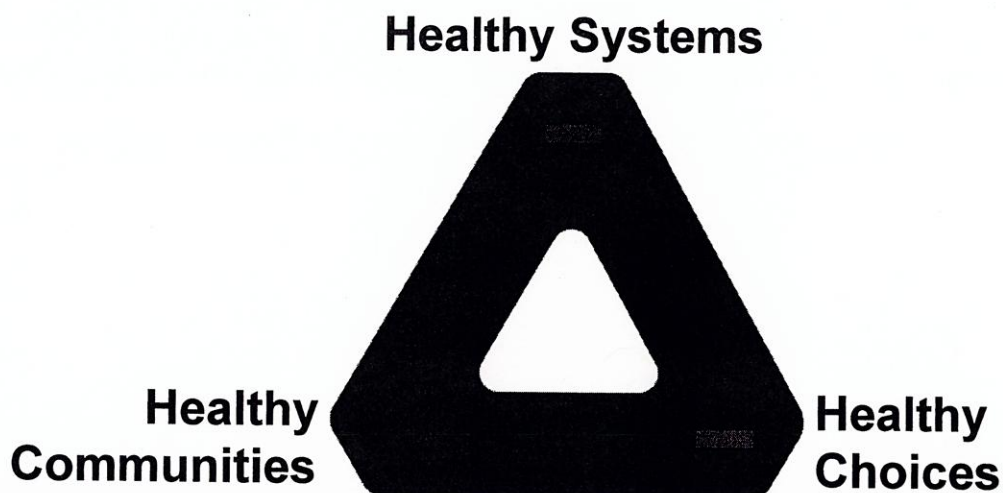
## ACHI MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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## OUR PRIORITIES



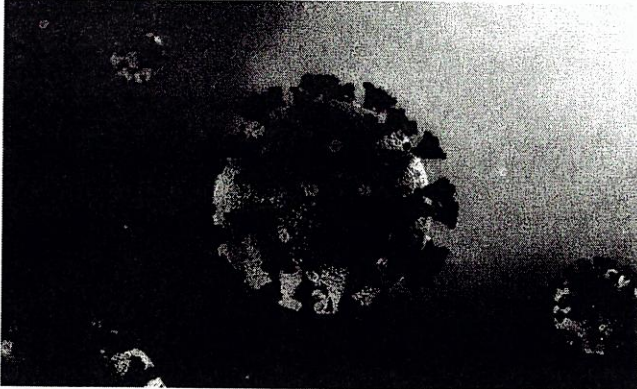
## ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE ACT (ACT 1233 OF 2015)

- Established mandatory All-Payer Claims Database inclusive of commercial plans, Medicaid, and Medicare
- Required submission of ERISA plans receiving state funds with qualifier for private ERISA plans (if subject to federal requirement)
- Additional data sources required for inclusion:
  - Birth certificate and death registry — Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
  - Cancer registry — ADH
  - Workers' comp claims — Workers' Compensation Claims Commission
  - Uninsured hospital & ER discharge data — ADH
  - Medical marijuana info — ADH & Alcohol Beverage Control Commission
- Data sources individually linked across sources and over time

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INSPIRING HEALTH ACTS

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### COVID-19 in Arkansas

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting people around the world, including Arkansans. ACHI will provide updates and insights on this evolving public health crisis including tables with cumulative and active positive COVID-19 cases in communities across the state.

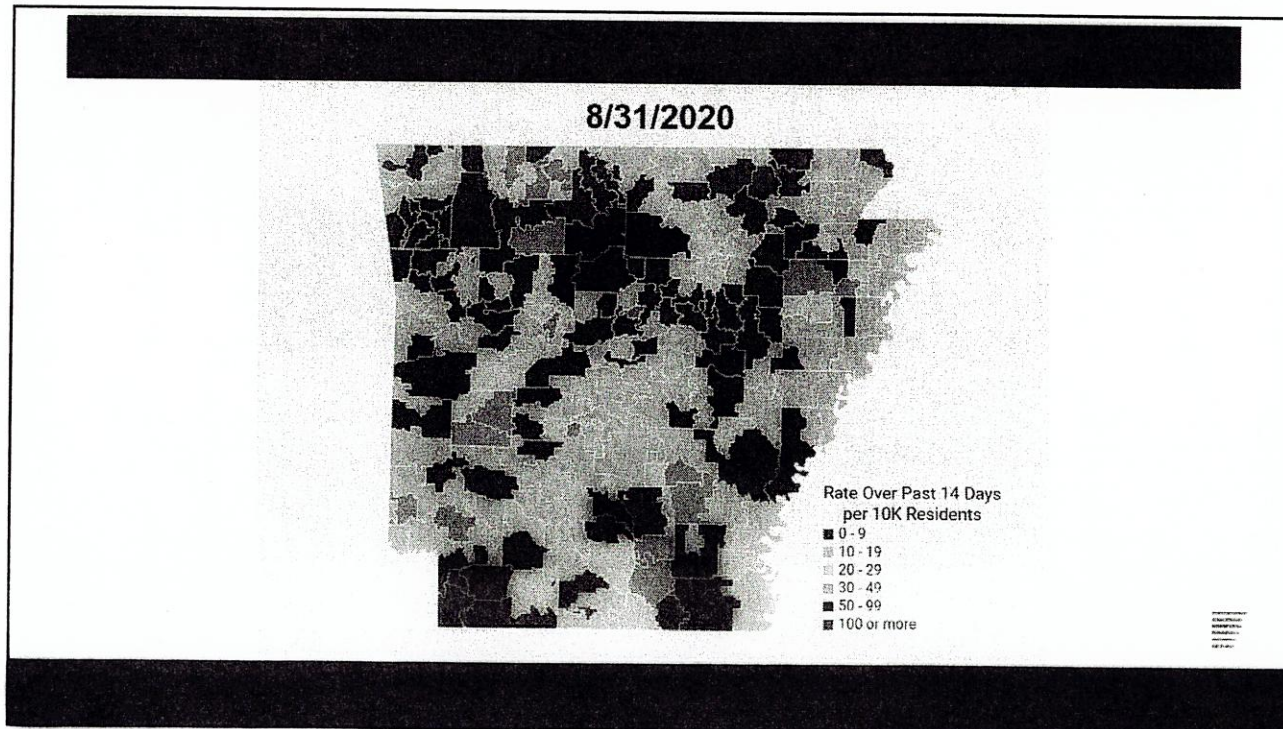
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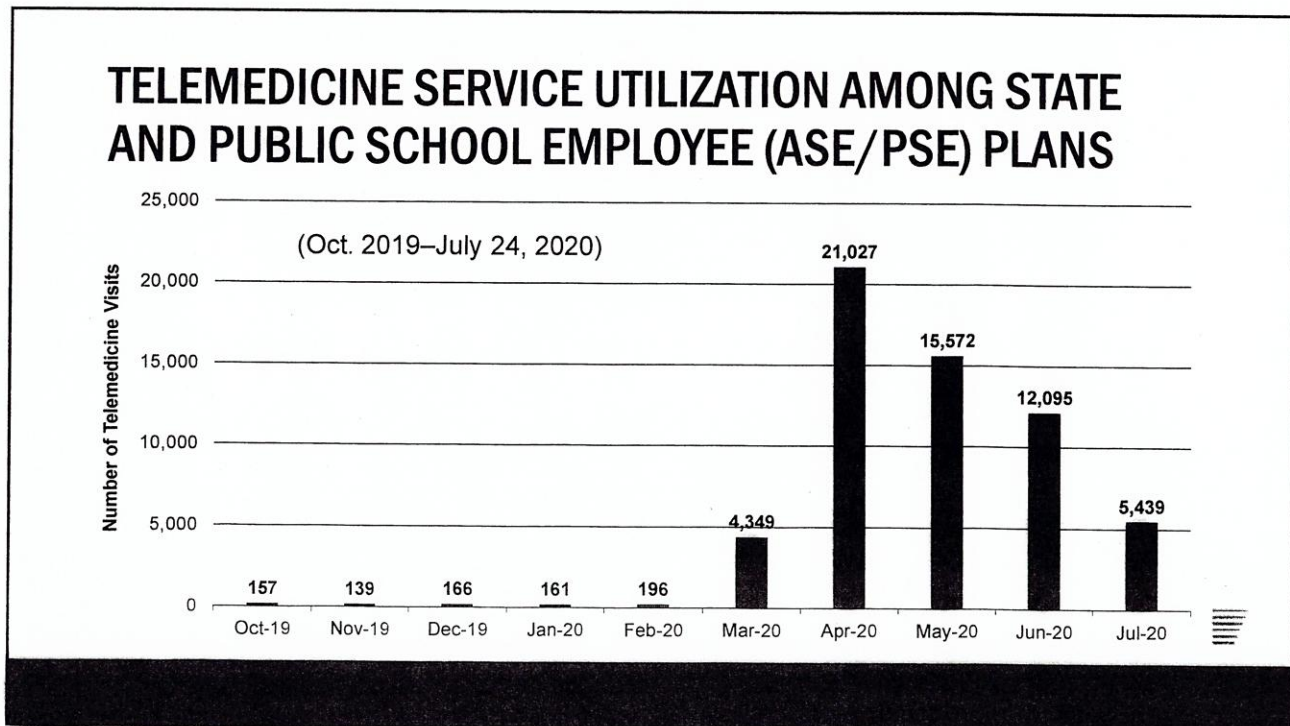
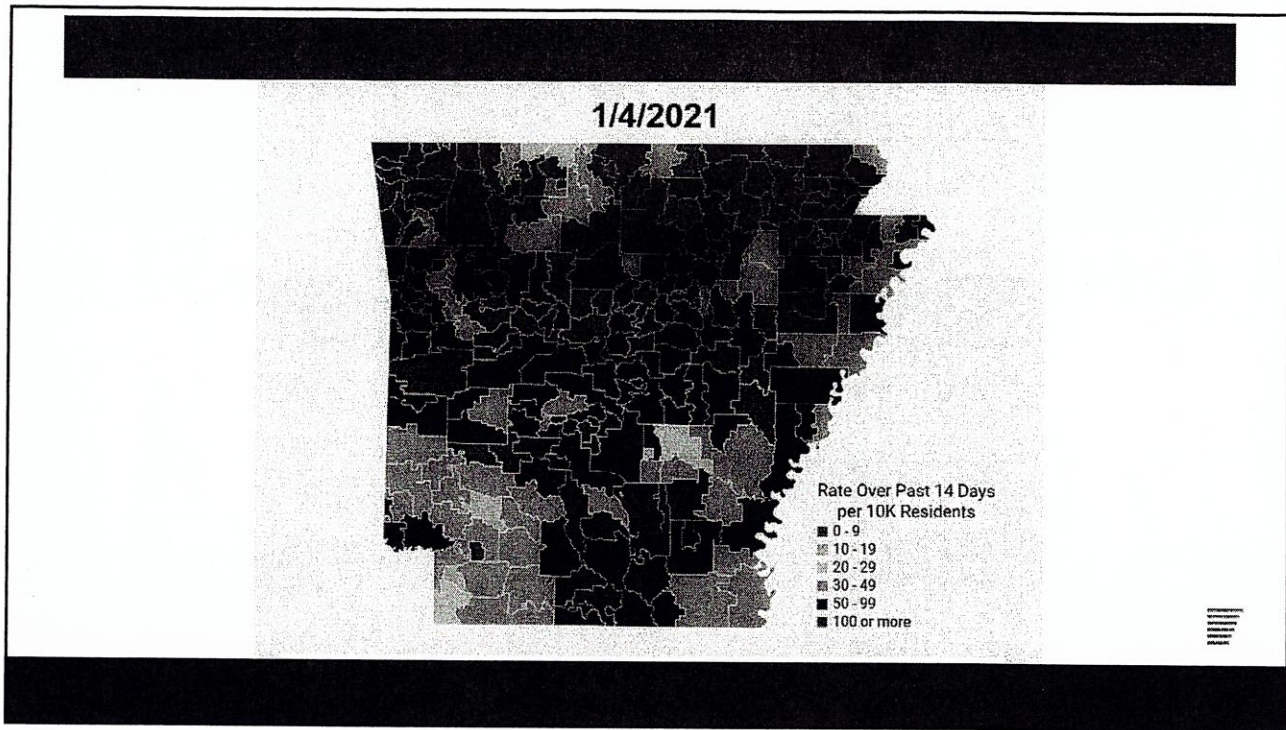
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**COVID-19 in Arkansas: A Weekly Snapshot, Jan. 1 - Jan. 7, 2021**  
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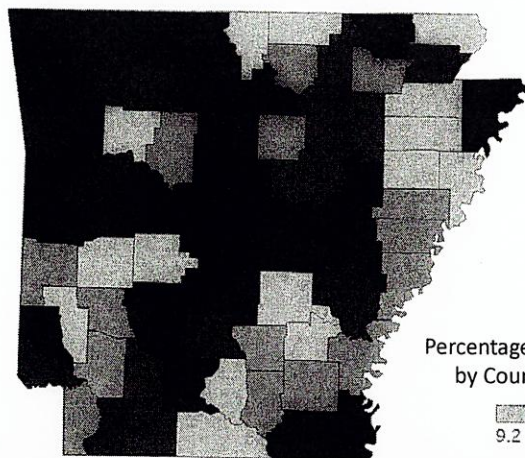
**Many Arkansans Lack Health Coverage Despite Eligibility for Medicaid, Subsidies**  
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**Arkansas School Districts with High Community Infection Rates Now at 179**  
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## PROPORTION OF ASE/PSE PRIMARY CARE AND MENTAL HEALTH VISITS DONE BY TELEMEDICINE

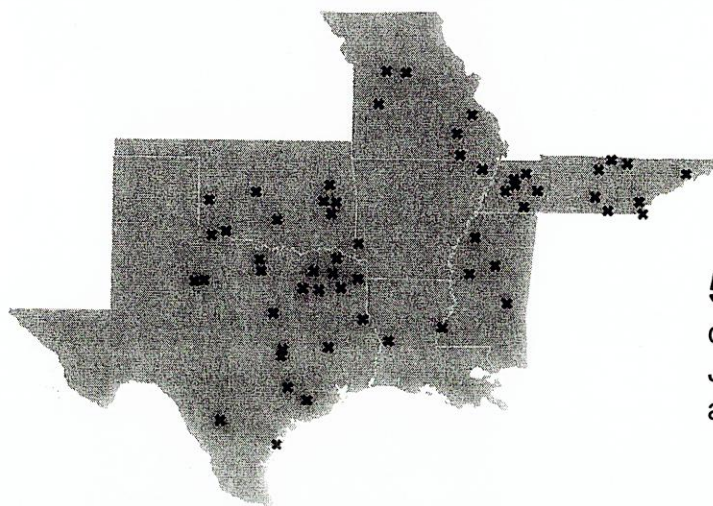


Percentage of Telemedicine Services  
by County, April–July 24, 2020

9.2 25.5



## ARKANSAS WORKS IMPACT ON RURAL HOSPITALS



**57** rural hospital  
closures, Jan. 2012–  
Jan. 2021 in Arkansas  
and neighboring states



## ANTICIPATED LEGISLATIVE ISSUES

- COVID-19 Mitigation and Vaccination
- Arkansas Works Reauthorization and Appropriation
- Crisis Stabilization Unit Continued Support
- Bipartisan-Bicameral Omnibus COVID Relief (12/20)
  - Surprise billing limitations
  - Rural emergency hospital designation
- Arkansas Policy Objectives
  - Telemedicine legislative/regulatory revisions
  - Pharmacy benefit manager oversight (US Supreme Court 8-0 decision)
  - Vaping addition to Clean Indoor Air



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