

**B-280 Presumptive Eligibility – Pregnant Woman (PE-PW)**

MS Manual 07/01/25

Agencies who have been designated by DHS as Qualified Entities\* may determine women presumptively eligible for PE-PW Health Care based on preliminary information, subject to federal and state requirements, in order that the individual may receive temporary coverage until ongoing eligibility for Health Care is officially determined by DHS. The goal of the PE-PW process is to offer immediate health care coverage to pregnant women likely to be Health Care eligible before there has been a full Health Care eligibility determination.

\* See the Medical Services Policy Glossary for more information on Qualified Entities for PE-PW.

If determined eligible for PE-PW, the individual will have temporary coverage during the PE-PW period. The PE-PW period begins on the day that a qualified entity determines the individual to be presumptively eligible. The individual must not be currently receiving Health Care coverage through Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Pregnant women are limited to one PE-PW determination per pregnancy. If a woman is pregnant more than once in a calendar year, they may have more than one presumptive eligibility period in a calendar year due to multiple pregnancies.

**NOTE:** PE-PW coverage is temporary and will end on the last day of the month following the month in which the client was determined presumptively eligible by the qualified entity.

Qualified Entities (QE), including DHS, are responsible for determining eligibility for PE-PW. The QE will make the PE-PW determination based on the following criteria:

- State residency
- Income

PE-PW Coverage will be determined based off self-attested information and may be approved while information is pending to determine eligibility for an ongoing Health Care coverage. Self-attestation of household income and state residency will be accepted for PE-PW. The income limit for the PE-PW category may be found in Appendix F.

Citizenship or immigration status, household income and state residency will be accepted for PE- PW. The income limit for the PE-PW category may be found in Appendix F.

Medicaid provides temporary Presumptive Eligibility Pregnant Woman (PE-PW).

Coverage is restricted to prenatal services and services for conditions that may complicate the pregnancy. These services are further limited to the outpatient setting only.

plan of care is ONLY good for 60 days. If it expires, the assessment must be redone to re- determine need and/or establish eligibility date for ALF.

**Qualified Alien –**

An alien lawfully admitted and lawfully given the privilege of residing permanently in the United States.

**Qualified Entities (QE) –**

Designated agencies along with the Department of Human Services (DHS) that determine eligibility for the Presumptive Eligibility-Pregnant Woman category. Agencies outside of DHS must be approved and trained by the Department of Human Services.

**Recipient –**

Someone enrolled in Medicaid who actually received a health service for which Medicaid reimbursed the provider.

**Renewal –**

A periodic review of an approved Medicaid case to determine continued eligibility.

**Serious Mental Illness or Disorder –**

Schizophrenia, mood, paranoid, panic or other severe anxiety disorder; somatoform disorder; personality disorder; or other psychotic disorder.

**Skilled Level of Care –**

Services required on a 24 hour a day basis, delivered by licensed medical personnel in accordance with a medical care plan requiring a continuing assessment of needs and monitoring of response to plan of care. The services must be reasonable and necessary to the treatment of the individual's illness or injury, i.e., be consistent with the nature and severity of the individual's illness or injury, the individual's particular medical needs, accepted standards of medical practice, and in terms of duration and amount.

**Spend Down (SD) –**

The amount of money a beneficiary must pay towards medical expenses when income exceeds the Medicaid financial guidelines. A component of the medically needed program allows an individual or family whose income is over the Medically Needy Income Limit (MNIL) to use medical bills to spend excess income down to the MNIL.

**Substantial Gainful Activity –**

The performance of significant physical and/or mental work activities for pay, or profit or work activities generally performed for pay or profit.

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**Presumptive Eligibility Pregnant Woman Reserved** (PE-PW)

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Medicaid provides a temporary Aid Category 62, Presumptive Eligibility Pregnant Woman (PE-PW). Coverage is restricted to prenatal services and services for conditions that may complicate the pregnancy. These services are further limited to the outpatient setting only.

MARKYUP

**TOC not required****215.260 Expansion of Medicaid Eligibility for Pregnant Women****4-4-237-1-  
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- A. Arkansas Medicaid provides expanded coverage for pregnant women. Women in Aid Category 61 (PW) receive the full range of Medicaid benefits. Service settings may be both outpatient and inpatient, as appropriate.

Aid Category 61 also includes benefits to unborn children of alien pregnant women who meet the eligibility requirements. The benefits for this eligibility category are:

1. Prenatal services
2. Delivery
3. Postpartum services for 60 days (plus the days remaining in the month in which the 60-day period ends)
4. Services for conditions that may complicate the pregnancy

System eligibility verification will specify "PW unborn ch-no ster cov/FP."

Aid Category 61 PW Unborn Child does not include family planning benefits.

- B. When verifying a client's eligibility, please note the "AID CATEGORY CODE" and "AID CAT DESCRIPTION" fields. The "AID CATEGORY CODE" field contains the 2-digit numeric code identifying the client aid category. The "AID CAT DESCRIPTION" field contains an abbreviation of the aid category description, comprising 2 or more characters, usually letters, but sometimes numerals as well as letters.
1. Pregnant Women (PW) eligibility will occasionally overlap with eligibility in another category, such as Aid Category 20, TEA-GR. -If a PW-eligible client is seeking services that are not for pregnancy or conditions that may complicate pregnancy and are not family planning services, other eligibility segments may be reviewed on the transaction response and other available electronic options. The woman may have benefits for the date of service in question under another aid category. -If so, the service may be performed, and the claim **may be** filed with Medicaid as usual.
  2. Medicaid **also** provides coverage in Aid Category 61 (PW) to children who are eligible for all Medicaid benefits. The aid category code is the same as those of a pregnant woman.

**3. Medicaid provides a temporary Aid Category 62, Presumptive Eligibility Pregnant Woman (PE-PW). Coverage is restricted to prenatal services and services for conditions that may complicate the pregnancy. These services are further limited to the outpatient setting only.**

Aid Categories 62 (**PW-PEPE-PW**), 65 (PW-NG), 66 (PW-EC) and 67 (PW-SD) only cover the pregnant woman. Aid Categories 65, 66 and 67 have lower income limits than those listed above for Aid Category 61. Only Aid Category 61 may include eligible pregnant women and/or children.

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**214.600 Obstetrical Services**

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The Arkansas Medicaid Program covers obstetrical services for Medicaid-eligible clients in *full* coverage aid categories with a medically verified pregnancy.

Aid category 61, PW clients are eligible for full range Medicaid coverage. Aid category 61, PW pregnant women's eligibility ends on the last day of the month in which the 60<sup>th</sup> postpartum day falls.

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**247.100 Pregnant Women in the PW Aid Category**

**74-1-253**

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# Submission - Medicaid State Plan

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## The submission includes the following:

Administration

Eligibility

Income/Resource Methodologies

Income/Resource Standards

Mandatory Eligibility Groups

Optional Eligibility Groups

Non-Financial Eligibility

Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

Eligibility Process

Application

Presumptive Eligibility

Reviewable Unit Name	Included in Another Source Type Submission Package
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Continuous Eligibility for Children

Continuous Eligibility for Pregnant Women and Extended Postpartum Coverage

Benefits and Payments

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# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

## Eligibility and Enrollment Processes

### Presumptive Eligibility

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The state provides Medicaid services to individuals during a presumptive eligibility period following a determination by a qualified entity.

Presumptive eligibility covered in the state plan includes:

#### Eligibility Groups

Eligibility Group Name	Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Presumptive Eligibility for Children under Age 19	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Parents and Other Caretaker Relatives - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Adult Group - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals above 133% FPL under Age 65 - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Eligible for Family Planning Services - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Former Foster Care Children - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW
Individuals Needing Treatment for Breast or Cervical Cancer - Presumptive Eligibility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

#### Hospitals

Eligibility Group Name	Covered In State Plan	Include RU In Package ?	Included in Another Submission Package	Source Type ?
Presumptive Eligibility by Hospitals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="radio"/>	NEW

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## Presumptive Eligibility

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### Eligibility Groups Deselected from Coverage

The following eligibility groups were previously covered in the source approved version of the state plan and deselected from coverage as part of this submission package:

- N/A

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# Medicaid State Plan Eligibility

## Presumptive Eligibility

### Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women

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The state covers ambulatory prenatal care for individuals qualifying as pregnant women under 42 CFR 435.116 when determined presumptively eligible by a qualified entity.

#### A. Presumptive Eligibility Period

- The presumptive period begins on the date the determination is made.
- The end date of the presumptive period is the earlier of:
  - The date the eligibility determination for regular Medicaid is made, if an application for Medicaid is filed by the last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made; or
  - The last day of the month following the month in which the determination of presumptive eligibility is made, if no application for Medicaid is filed by that date.
- There may be no more than one period of presumptive eligibility per pregnancy.

#### B. Application for Presumptive Eligibility

- 1. The state uses a standardized screening process for determining presumptive eligibility.
- 2. The state uses the single streamlined paper and/or online application for Medicaid and Presumptive Eligibility, approved by CMS. A copy of the single streamlined paper and/or online application with questions necessary for a PE determination highlighted or denoted is attached.
  - a. Paper - A copy of the application form is included.

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- b. Online - A copy of the application form is included.
- 3. The state uses a separate paper application form for presumptive eligibility, approved by CMS. A copy of the application form is included.
- 4. The state uses an online portal or electronic screening tool for presumptive eligibility approved by CMS. Screenshots of the tool included.

#### 5. Describe the presumptive eligibility screening process:

None

#### C. Presumptive Eligibility Determination

The presumptive eligibility determination is based on the following factors:

- The woman must be pregnant.
- Household income must not exceed the applicable income standard under 42 CFR 435.116.
  - a. A reasonable estimate of MAGI-based income is used to determine household income.
  - b. Gross income is used to determine household size.
3. State residency
4. Citizenship, status as a national, or satisfactory immigration status

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# Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women

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## D. Qualified Entities

1. The state uses qualified entities, as defined in section 1920A of the Act, to determine eligibility presumptively for this eligibility group. A qualified entity is an entity that is determined by the agency to be capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations based on an individual's household income and other requirements.



2. The following qualified entities are used to determine presumptive eligibility for this eligibility group:

- Other entity the agency determines is capable of making presumptive eligibility determinations

Name of entity	Description
Department of Human Services-Division of County Operations	Agency determines eligibility for Medicaid.

- 3. The state assures that it has communicated the requirements for qualified entities, at 1920A(b)(3) of the Act, and has provided adequate training to the entities and organizations involved.

4. A copy of the training materials has been uploaded for review during the submission process.

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## E. Additional Information (optional)

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1 State of Arkansas  
2 95th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2025  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1427

5 By: Representatives Pilkington, Wardlaw, Hudson, L. Johnson, Bentley  
6 By: Senators Irvin, B. Davis  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8  
9 AN ACT TO CREATE THE HEALTHY MOMS, HEALTHY BABIES  
10 ACT; TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH  
11 IN THIS STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 BABIES ACT; AND TO AMEND ARKANSAS LAW TO  
17 IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH IN THIS STATE.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Title.

22 This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Healthy Moms, Healthy  
23 Babies Act".  
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25 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-77-151 is repealed to be reenacted and  
26 transferred to another subchapter of the Arkansas Code.

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32 ~~implement this section.~~  
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34 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, is amended to add an  
35 additional subchapter to read as follows:

36 Subchapter 29 – Maternal Health



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20-77-2901. Depression screening for pregnant women.

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for depression screening of a pregnant woman.

(b) The Department of Human Services shall apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this section.

20-77-2902. Coverage of prenatal, delivery, and postpartum services.

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for prenatal, delivery, and postpartum services separately in lieu of a global payment or an all-inclusive payment methodology for maternity services.

(b) Prenatal, delivery, and postpartum services include without limitation:

- (1) Office visits;
- (2) Laboratory fees;
- (3) Physician ordered testing;
- (4) Blood work;
- (5) Remote monitoring;
- (6) Fetal nonstress tests; and
- (7) Continuous glucose monitors or other services for

gestational diabetes when medically necessary.

(c) This section does not alter coverage provided through the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Program or a risk-based provider organization under the Medicaid Provider-Led Organized Care Act, § 20-77-2701 et seq.

20-77-2903. Presumptive eligibility for pregnant women.

(a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall make presumptive eligibility determinations for pregnant women who are applying for the program to improve access to prenatal care and allow prenatal care to be delivered immediately while waiting for a full application to be processed.

(b) The program may designate one (1) or more qualified entities to screen for eligibility and immediately enroll pregnant women into the program.

20-77-2904. Blood pressure monitoring for pregnant and postpartum

1 women.

2 (a) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide coverage and  
 3 reimbursement for self-measurement blood pressure monitoring services for  
 4 pregnant women and postpartum women.

5 (b) Self-measurement blood pressure monitoring services shall include:

6 (1) Validated blood pressure monitoring devices, such as a blood  
 7 pressure cuff and replacement cuffs, as medically necessary, to diagnose or  
 8 treat hypertension;

9 (2) Patient education and training on the set-up and use of a  
 10 self-measurement blood pressure measurement device that is validated for  
 11 clinical accuracy, device calibration, and the procedure for obtaining self-  
 12 measurement readings; and

13 (3) Collection of data reports by the patient or caregiver for  
 14 submission to a healthcare provider to communicate blood pressure readings  
 15 and create or modify treatment plans.

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17 20-77-2905. Reimbursement for remote ultrasound procedures.

18 (a)(1) The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse for medically  
 19 necessary remote ultrasound procedures utilizing established Current  
 20 Procedural Terminology codes for remote ultrasound procedures when the  
 21 patient is in a residence or other off-site location from the healthcare  
 22 provider of the patient and the same standard of care is met.

23 (2) Subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall apply to the fee-  
 24 for-service categories of the program and any managed care plan within the  
 25 program.

26 (b) A remote ultrasound procedure shall be reimbursable when the  
 27 healthcare provider uses digital technology that:

28 (1) Collects medical and other forms of health data from a  
 29 patient and electronically transmits the information securely to a healthcare  
 30 provider in a different location for interpretation and recommendation;

31 (2) Is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and  
 32 Accountability Act of 1996, 42 U.S.C. § 1320d et seq., as it existed on  
 33 January 1, 2025; and

34 (3) Is approved by the United States Food and Drug  
 35 Administration.

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1           20-77-2906. Coverage for certain services provided by doulas and  
 2 community health workers.

3           The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse doulas and community  
 4 health workers for home visitation related to prenatal care and postpartum  
 5 care.

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 7           20-77-2907. Implementation and rules.

8           The Department of Human Services shall:

9                   (1) Apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan  
 10 amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this subchapter; and

11                   (2) Adopt rules to implement this subchapter.

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 13           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-114-203(c), concerning the statute of  
 14 limitations, is amended to read as follows:

15           (c)(1) ~~If~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an  
 16 individual is nine (9) years of age or younger at the time of the act,  
 17 omission, or failure complained of, the minor or person claiming on behalf of  
 18 the minor shall have until the later of the minor's eleventh birthday or two  
 19 (2) years from the act, omission, or failure in which to commence an action.

20                   (2) ~~However, if~~ If no medical injury is known and could not  
 21 reasonably have been discovered prior to the minor's eleventh birthday, then  
 22 the minor or his or her representative shall have until two (2) years after  
 23 the medical injury is known or reasonably could have been discovered, or  
 24 until the minor's nineteenth birthday, whichever is earlier, in which to  
 25 commence an action.

26                   (3) If an alleged medical injury occurred during childbirth, the  
 27 minor or his or her representative shall have until the minor's fifth  
 28 birthday to commence an action.

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 31                                   **APPROVED: 2/20/25**

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1           20-77-2906. Coverage for certain services provided by doulas and  
2 community health workers.

3           The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall reimburse doulas and community  
4 health workers for home visitation related to prenatal care and postpartum  
5 care.

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7           20-77-2907. Implementation and rules.

8           The Department of Human Services shall:

9                   (1) Apply for any federal waiver, Medicaid state plan  
10 amendments, or other authority necessary to implement this subchapter; and

11                   (2) Adopt rules to implement this subchapter.

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13           SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 16-114-203(c), concerning the statute of  
14 limitations, is amended to read as follows:

15           (c)(1) ~~If~~ Except as otherwise provided in this subsection, if an  
16 individual is nine (9) years of age or younger at the time of the act,  
17 omission, or failure complained of, the minor or person claiming on behalf of  
18 the minor shall have until the later of the minor’s eleventh birthday or two  
19 (2) years from the act, omission, or failure in which to commence an action.

20                   (2) ~~However, if~~ If no medical injury is known and could not  
21 reasonably have been discovered prior to the minor’s eleventh birthday, then  
22 the minor or his or her representative shall have until two (2) years after  
23 the medical injury is known or reasonably could have been discovered, or  
24 until the minor’s nineteenth birthday, whichever is earlier, in which to  
25 commence an action.

26                   (3) If an alleged medical injury occurred during childbirth, the  
27 minor or his or her representative shall have until the minor’s fifth  
28 birthday to commence an action.

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31                                   **APPROVED: 2/25/25**