

Proposed Transportation Pilot

Cost Projection & Fiscal Impact Overview

Arkansas Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disability Study Subcommittee

Proposed Scope: 5–8 Counties | 12-Month Pilot

Pilot Objective

To reduce preventable Medicaid expenditures and improve access to care for Medicaid recipients and individuals with developmental disabilities by leveraging existing Community Action Agency infrastructure to coordinate supplemental, gap-focused transportation services.

Proposed Coverage Area

5–8 rural or high-need counties selected based on:

- High missed Medicaid appointment rates
- Elevated emergency department utilization
- Limited transportation infrastructure
- Developmental disability service access gaps

Estimated Participant Reach

- Estimated 800–1,200 high-need Medicaid and DD participants
- Focus on individuals with documented transportation-related care disruptions

Projected Annual Costs (12-Month Pilot)

- Administrative Coordination: \$600,000 – \$800,000
- Direct Transportation Services: \$360,000 – \$720,000
- Total Estimated Pilot Investment: \$960,000 – \$1.52 million