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A Bill

SENATE BILL 534

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TO
10 PROVIDE QUARTERLY REPORTS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
11 REGARDING THE ARKANSAS HEALTH AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ME
12 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me
26 Program monitoring plan.

27 (a)(1) The Department of Human Services shall monitor for a five-year
28 period all savings realized by the department, the effects on health care in
29 this state, and the impacts on healthcare outcomes of the beneficiaries
30 through the delivery of healthcare services under the Arkansas Health and
31 Opportunity for Me Program created by the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for
32 Me Act of 2021, § 23-61-1001 et seq.

33 (2) The monitoring shall include:

34 (A) Actual amounts received from the federal revenue for
35 the program;

36 (B) Actual amounts of state revenue used for the program;



1 (C) The total number of enrollees in the program;

2 (D) The total amount of turnover, also known as "churn",
3 within the program resulting from individuals moving in and out of the
4 program;

5 (E) The total number of enrollees given a readiness-for-
6 work assessment upon enrollment in the program;

7 (F) The healthcare outcomes and current status of the
8 program;

9 (G) Implementation progress and other evaluations of
10 components of the programs, including without limitation:

11 (i) The economic independence initiative, including
12 the work, education, and community engagement project;

13 (ii) The rural hospital initiative; and

14 (iii) The birthing hospital initiative;

15 (H) The total amount of services utilized by young adults
16 in targeted populations through community service organizations;

17 (I) The health outcomes of young adults in targeted
18 populations through community service organizations;

19 (J) The annualized improvement in health quality measures
20 of health benefit plans offered in the program; and

21 (K) The enrollment, financial, and other penalties
22 collected against health benefit plans.

23 (b)(1) On and after January 1, 2022, the department shall report
24 quarterly on the monitoring required under subsection (a) of this section to:

25 (A) The Legislative Council;

26 (B) The Bureau of Legislative Research;

27 (C) Arkansas Legislative Audit;

28 (D) The Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and
29 Labor; and

30 (E) The House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and
31 Labor.

32 (2) The initial report shall serve as and establish the baseline
33 for measuring the success of implementation and continuing operation of the
34 program.

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