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Hon. Ben Gilmore, Arkansas Legislative Council Co-Chair
Hon. Les Eaves, Arkansas Legislative Council Co-Chair
1 Capitol Mall, Fifth Floor
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

RE: Arkansas Strategic Committee for Maternal Health Quarterly Report

Dear Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves:

As directed by Act 161, Section 13 of the 2024 Fiscal Session, I am reporting to Arkansas Legislative Council (ALC) the status of redetermination and transition of coverage for postpartum mothers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads 'Janet Mann'.

Janet Mann, Deputy Secretary

Medicaid clients with post-partum end date between 10/1/2024 and 12/31/2024

Outcome	Clients
1. Eligible in same category after end of post-partum	1,891
2. Eligible in different category after end of post-partum	1,038
3. Not eligible after end of post-partum	1,787
4. Lost eligiblity prior to end of post-partum	63
TOTAL	4,779

Summary

Eligibility Continued: 61%
Eligibility Did Not Continue: 39%

Outcome	Age Group				Grand Total
	Under 19	19 – 30	31 – 40	41+	
1. Eligible in same category after end of post-partum	166	1,280	423	22	1,891
2. Eligible in different category after end of post-partum	9	782	227	20	1,038
3. Not eligible after end of post-partum	28	1,293	426	40	1,787
4. Lost eligiblity prior to end of post-partum	5	48	7	3	63
Grand Total	208	3,403	1,083	85	4,779

Outcome	Client had insurance at the end of their post-partum period*		Grand Total
	No	Yes	
3. Not eligible after end of post-partum	1,600	187	1,787
4. Lost eligiblity prior to end of post-partum	60	3	63
Grand Total	1,660	190	1,850

**Based on Insurance Policy Information stored in the client's Medicaid case.*

Outcome: 1. Eligible in same category after end of post-partum

Category	Clients
Adoption	1
AFDC Pregnant Medically Needy*	1
ARHOME	322
ARKids A	155
ARKids B	6
Former Foster Care	7
Foster Care	5
Guardianship (GAP)	1
PCR	1,253
Pregnant Woman - Unborn Child*	9
Pregnant Women - Full*	73
QMB	12
SMB	3
SSI Medicaid	59
Workers with Disabilities	1
Grand Total	1,908

NOTE: This number will be higher than the summary as clients can be eligible in more than one category.

**NOTE: Clients may continue in a pregnant woman Medicaid category after the end of the post-partum period for a variety of reasons, including pending verification, updated pregnancy information, and worker override.*

Outcome: 2. Eligible in different category after end of post-partum

Category before end of post-partum	Category after end of post-partum					Grand Total
	AFDC EC Medically Needy	ARHOME	ARKids B	PCR	Transitional Medicaid	
ARHOME	1			23		24
ARKids A		5	3	3		11
Former Foster Care		1				1
Foster Care			1			1
PCR	1	100			1	102
Pregnant Woman - Unborn Child		1				1
Pregnant Women - Full	3	826		68	3	900
SSI Medicaid		2				2
Grand Total	5	935	4	94	4	1,042

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Outcome: 3. Not eligible after end of post-partum

Closure Category	Clients
Client requested closure	366
Did not meet requirement(s) for the program	143
Failed to cooperate with child support	49
Failed to return Renewal Form	12
Failed to return requested information	242
Household income is above limit for household size	40
No longer in the household	3
Other - Administrative	1
Post-partum period ended	905
Unable to Locate - Returned Mail	26
Grand Total	1,787

Summary

Client requested closure: 20%

Failed to return requested information: 14%

Post-partum period ended: 51% (Of these, 38% are not US Citizens and 42% have income over 138% of the Federal Poverty Limit)

NOTE: This number will be higher than the summary as clients can be ineligible in more than one category.

***Before the end of the post-partum period, ARIES redetermines eligibility for clients in Pregnant Woman categories. If the client is eligible, ARIES automatically moves them to a new category. If the client is not eligible for any Medicaid category, ARIES closes the Pregnant Woman category at the end of the month when the post-partum period ends with closure reason "Post-partum period ended." The client receives a Notice of Action with appropriate adverse action period.*

Outcome: 4. Lost eligibility prior to end of post-partum

Closure Category	Clients
Client requested closure	22
Did not meet requirement(s) for the program**	1
Failed to cooperate with child support*	3
Failed to return requested information*	2
Household income is above limit for household size*	1
Not a resident of Arkansas	3
Post-partum period ended**	1
Unable to Locate - Returned Mail*	1
Under DHS Review	29
Grand Total	63

NOTE: This number will be higher than the summary as clients can be ineligible in more than one category.

**NOTE: Eligibility determination made prior to system enhancement.*

***NOTE: System processed the post-partum closure correctly based on the pregnancy data in the system at the time, ending the Pregnant Woman Medicaid coverage on the last day of the month in which the 60-day post-partum period ends. Client's pregnancy information was later updated.*

NOTE:

-- ARIES implemented a system enhancement in Release 11.1 (August 26, 2024) with the following changes.

- (1) Medicaid eligibility for clients who are pregnant will not close or be reduced except in case of death, incarceration, client no longer requesting assistance, or failing residency requirement.*
- (2) If client reports pregnancy and high income at renewal, client will remain covered until end of post partum period.*
- (3) When client reports pregnancy, if the current certification ends prior to end of the post-partum period, the certification period is extended until the end of the post-partum period.*

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