

Arkansas Works Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver

QUARTERLY REPORT Oct. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018



Executive Summary

In 2016, the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) ended the Private Option and created Arkansas Works (ARWorks) as an amendment to the demonstration program.

In January 2017, DHS referred all individuals enrolled in ARWorks to the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services (DWS). The referral allowed enrollees to voluntarily seek assistance with job training and job placement. However, from January to October 2017, only 4.7 percent of beneficiaries acted upon the referral and used the services offered by DWS. Of that number, 23 percent became employed through this process. In July 2017, DHS submitted an amendment to the waiver requiring certain able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD) to participate in work and community engagement (WCE) requirements. Following CMS approval in March 5, 2018, DHS began the reporting requirement beginning June 1, 2018.

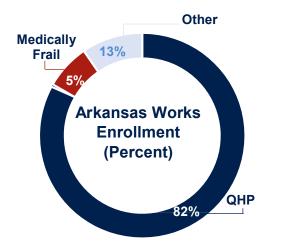
In 2018, with the implementation of the ARWorks WCE requirements, Arkansas will be able to test whether a "stronger incentive model is more effective in encouraging participation."ⁱ The approved ARWorks amendment requires abled-bodied individuals to engage in work and community engagement activities, which include education and training. Such requirements promote the objectives of Title XIX. The waiver amendment establishes a WCE requirement for non-disabled, childless adults who are between 19 and 49 years old. In 2018, the work and community engagement applied to those people ages 30-49. In 2019, the WCE requirement also applies to individuals ages 19-29, and individuals who are 19-49 years old with incomes over 100% FPL.

Enrollment in ARWorks was 260,738 in October; 255,504 in November; and 247,374 in December 2018. The program continued to operate below the budget neutrality cap, which is \$597.32 for each enrollee covered by ARWorks in 2018.

Eligibility and Enrollment

ARKANSAS WORKS ENROLLMENT AND PREMIUM INFORMATION

At the end of the quarter, 247,374 individuals were enrolled in ARWorks. Of these individuals:



- **Eighty-two percent** received ARWorks coverage through qualified health plans (QHPs) purchased from plans offered through the Healthcare Insurance Marketplace.
- **Five percent** were designated as medically frail and received Medicaid services on a fee-for-service basis.
- **Thirteen percent** had an interim status, which include pending a QHP or Alternative Benefit Plan designation.

The table below shows the total enrollment numbers and premium information by month for Arkansas Works beneficiaries this quarter:

	Arkansas Works Enrollment and Premium Information (October – December 2018)							
Month	Number of Individuals Enrolled	Number of Medically Frail Individuals	Number of Individuals with a Paid Premium	Premium Expenditures	Advance Cost Share Payments	Wrap Costs		
October	260,738	19,805	213,272	\$100,330,909.68	\$21,080,923.32	\$843,114.63		
November	255,504	20,007	206,707	\$96,939,526.24	\$20,500,971.76	\$818,574.50		
December	247,374	19,943	195,843	\$90,871,892.43	\$19,350,387.57	\$756,185.58		

Utilization and Budget Neutrality

UTILIZATION

During this quarter, the total payment for ARWorks beneficiaries with a paid premium was \$349,074,611.00 Of this amount:

- \$288,142,328.35 was paid to the issuers for premiums.
- \$60,932,282.65 was paid for advanced cost-sharing reductions.

 \$2,417,874.71 was the total amount for wrap costs, including Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NET) and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT).

BUDGET NEUTRALITY WORKBOOK

During this quarter, the payments for each individual who received ARWorks coverage through qualified health plans (QHPs) remained below the budget neutrality cap. The table below shows the breakdown of payments for each individual with a paid premium and compares the total to the budget neutrality cap:

Arkan	Arkansas Works Budget Neutrality Information for Each Individual with a Paid Premium (October-December 2018)							
Month	Premium Costs Per Individual with a Paid Premium	Total Cost Per Individual with a Paid Premium	Budget Neutrality Cap					
October	\$470.44	\$98.85	\$3.95	\$573.24	\$597.32			
November	\$468.97	\$99.18	\$3.96	\$572.11	\$597.32			
December	\$464.00	\$98.81	\$3.86	\$566.67	\$597.32			

Operational Updates

PRESS REPORTS

October 2018

October 2– National coverage included articles regarding the Trump Administration's support of the nation's first state to implement WCE requirements for Medicaid. (1)

October 5– Local media including *KATV* and the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* included coverage of the deadline to report Arkansas Works activities and exemptions for September. Coverage of the upcoming deadline was also included. (2)

October 15– DHS released <u>its monthly Arkansas Works report for the September</u> reporting period, which can be found here. Coverage of the results of the WCE requirement included both local and national outlets. (3)

October 24– DHS <u>issued this press release</u> urging Arkansas Works enrollees to pay overdue premiums to avoid tax interception. Local outlets, including *Fox16 News* covered the release. (4)

October 25– National outlets included coverage of MACPAC's stance regarding the work & community engagement requirement, including MACPAC's request that CMS slow approvals, often citing Arkansas Works. (5)

November 2018

November 5– Local outlets including the *Arkansas Times* and the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* reported on the updated filings in the federal lawsuit regarding the Arkansas Works WCE requirement. (6)

November 12– Additional local coverage via *KATV* and national coverage via *Becker's Hospital Review* included articles regarding MACPAC's encouraging HHS to suspend the WCE requirement. (7)

November 15– DHS issued <u>this monthly Arkansas Works report for the October 2018</u> reporting period for the WCE requirement in Arkansas. Local and national outlets included the statistics of compliance and noncompliance in their news coverage spanning several days. (8-9)

November 26-28– News coverage regarding case closures under the WCE attempted to analyze reasons why individuals might not comply with requirement and the federal government's monitoring of Arkansas WCE requirement. (10)

December 2018

December 1– Media continued examination of Arkansas Works WCE requirement and analysis of potential impacts on the local and national level, some coverage included reminder regarding deadline for November 2018 reporting period. (11)

December 12– DHS <u>announced in a press release</u> that it was expanding report-by-phone options Arkansas Works enrollees, including to DHS directly through a DHS Helpline, seven days a week starting December 19, 2018. Coverage included local media like the *Arkansas Times* and *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* and national outlets like *CNN* and *The Washington Examiner*. (12)

December 15– DHS <u>released its monthly Arkansas Works WCE report</u> for the November 2018 reporting period. Coverage on the report included state and national media for several days. (13)

December 20– Kaiser released a study regarding the Arkansas Works WCE alleging confusion among participants of the program about the WCE, which led to coverage and questions from reporters on a state and national front. (14)

December 25– Filings in the federal lawsuit challenging the approval of the Arkansas Works WCE requirement prompted coverage from the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette* (15).

OUTREACH EFFORTS

The Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care (AFMC) placed phone calls on behalf of DHS to ARWorks beneficiaries whose WCE requirements were beginning and were believed to be required to report WCE activities during the quarter. The target audience included those beneficiaries whose WCE requirement would be starting the following month. AFMC's primary goals were to (1) ensure the beneficiary was aware of his or her status, (2) help the beneficiary with questions, and (3) educate the beneficiary on the reporting process. Those efforts are summarized below:

AFN	AFMC Outreach Beneficiaries Required to Report WCE Activities Following Month (October-December 2018)						
Month Beneficiaries in Target Audience		Number of Calls Placed	Beneficiaries Successfully Educated	Referrals to WCE activity resources			
October	1,024	5,903	559	1,155			
November	889	6,029	442	1,170			
December	5,702	18,913	1,893	1,134			

Since May 1, 2018, DHS staff has also conducted outreach efforts that included providing informational flyers and materials, presentations, webinars, and trainings with community organizations, advocacy groups, higher education institutions, professional and medical associations, librarians, and other state governmental agencies among others. Specific outreach was conducted with the following groups, among others, from April 1 – June 30, 2018:

- Substance Abuse providers
- The Arkansas Pharmacy Association
- The Arkansas Hospital Association
- The Arkansas Medical Society
- Arkansas Board of Pharmacy
- Federally Qualified Health Centers Association
- Crisis Stabilization Units
- CHI-St. Vincent Hospital
- Central Arkansas Veterans
 Hospital System

- Community Mental Health Centers
- National Guard Family Assistance Coordinators
- Arkansas Department of Community Correction
- Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration
- Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- Arkansas Department of Health
- Community College Association
- Hunger Relief Alliance

- Rural Community Alliance
- Interfaith Alliance
- Arkansas Literacy Councils
- Community Action Agencies
- Our House Homeless Shelter
- Central Arkansas Homeless Coalition
- Central Arkansas Library
 System
- Goodwill Industries of Arkansas

Outreach efforts for the Arkansas Works WCE requirement included efforts by DHS, AFMC, the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, and the three private insurance carriers that provide the QHPs for enrollees. Extent of the outreach from April – December 2018 are summarized below:

Outreach	2018
Letters	592,000
Calls	230,000
Emails	312,000
Text Messages	38,000
Social Media	918

PUBLIC FORUMS

No public forums were done this quarter.

LAWSUITS

All pleadings and motions have been filed as of mid-January 2019, and the court stated in the scheduling order it would rule before the end of March 2019.

Key Milestones Accomplished

- **November 1, 2018** New Arkansas Works beneficiaries ages 19-29 who were approved November 1, 2018, or later became subject to the WCE requirement. Dates for completing and reporting work activities set to begin the second month after approval.
- November 1 8, 2018 Requirement phase-in was set based on renewal months for beneficiaries 19-29 years old and notices were mailed to each person with specific details about the WCE requirement, services available through Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, and instructions on how to access and log in to online portal.
- November 30, 2018 The DHS second quarterly monitoring report was submitted to CMS.
- December 8, 2018 Arkansas Works beneficiaries ages 19-29 who were scheduled to begin the WCE requirement in January 2019 were mailed individually tailored notices. Not all individuals subject to the work requirement are required to report monthly, because they have previously provided information to DHS that they are compliant. These individuals receive an exemption from reporting. The notice to exempt beneficiaries contained information about their exemption. Those who were exempt were told no action was needed unless circumstances change, and that they will be notified when they are expected to take further action. Those without an identified exemption received a notice that they will be required to begin completing and reporting activities during January 2019. The notice contained details about the requirement and how to report a previously unidentified exemption or activities. The notice also informed them of the consequence of non-compliance.

• **December 19, 2018** - DHS expanded enrollees' report-by-phone options to include the DHS Helpline manned by DHS staff and staff from AFMC. Individuals may contact DHS county offices or the DHS Helpline (1-855-372-1084) to report directly to DHS by phone. This is in addition to receiving in-person assistance in the DHS county offices, from registered reporters, or online.

Evaluation Progress and Activities

The Arkansas Center for Health Improvement (ACHI) was previously contracted to complete the initial demonstration evaluation. The initial evaluation assessed the demonstration goals of improving access, improving care and outcomes, reducing churn, and lowering costs by measuring whether:

- Beneficiaries will have equal or better access to health care compared with what they would have otherwise had in the Medicaid fee-for-service system over time.
- Beneficiaries will have equal or better care and outcomes compared with what they would have otherwise had in the Medicaid fee-for-service system over time.
- Beneficiaries will have better continuity of care compared with what they would have otherwise had in the Medicaid fee-for-service system over time.
- Services provided to beneficiaries will prove to be cost effective.
- The employer-sponsored insurance program will produce greater system efficiencies and individual outcomes than QHP premium assistance program.
- Beneficiaries will effectively participate in an incentive benefits program.

Evaluation Activities

- Conducted two (2) Full Evaluation Team Meetings
- Conducted four (4) internal meetings with members of the Evaluation's Data Team to discuss the progress of data and indicators for the final report
- Conducted eight (8) internal ACHI Planning Meetings to plan the final report
- Conducted five (5) internal meetings with the ACHI data team to discuss the receiving and processing of data
- Conducted one (1) meeting with DHS to review the Health Care Independence Program 'Private Option' final report
- Conducted seven (7) internal meetings with members of the qualitative studies team to discuss the simulated patient 'secret shopper' survey and the one-on-one individual interviews for the Arkansas Works interim report
- Completed the final analyses of data and construction of indicators for the Health Care Independence Program 'Private Option' final report
- Completed and submitted the final report to Arkansas Medicaid
- At the request of Arkansas Medicaid, submitted final report to CMS

- Began scheduling participants and conducting one-on-one interviewing Completed primary data collection for the simulated patient 'secret shopper' survey
- Began data cleaning and preliminary analysis for the simulated patient 'secret shopper' survey

Evaluation Vendor Procurement

DHS seeks pricing and a contract with a qualified vendor to provide all of the tasks associated with evaluating the overall Arkansas Works (ARWorks) program. The vendor will conduct qualitative and quantitative analysis comparing the ARWorks population with the traditional Medicaid population to examine access to services and other metrics. This evaluation is required by Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services as part of the Terms and Conditions of the ARWorks §1115 Demonstration Waiver. The selected vendor under this procurement must also be able to provide a transition from the current vendor while executing contracted services.

Arkansas Medicaid will seek a separate evaluation of the WCE requirement demonstration. The evaluation for the WCE requirement will cover the implementation efforts, outcomes and effects (short-term and long-term, tangible and intangible), and sustainability of the WCE requirements and activities as part of a lasting improvement to the social fabric and population health of all Arkansans. This WCE requirement evaluation design is in addition to the evaluation of the overall Arkansas Works program referenced above.

Community Engagement Eligibility and Enrollment Monitoring

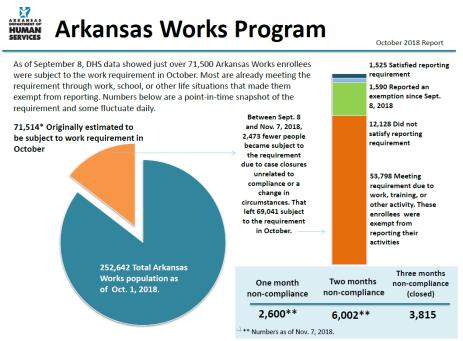
The State of Arkansas submitted its community engagement eligibility and enrollment monitoring plan as required by special term and condition (STC) 54 of the state's section 1115 Demonstration, Arkansas Works (Project No. 11-W-00287/6).

The monitoring plan has been incorporated in the STCs as "Attachment A." As outlined in STC 54, the state will provide status updates on the implementation of the eligibility and enrollment monitoring plan as part of the state's quarterly and annual monitoring reports. Attached below is the monitoring report for the 3rd quarter.



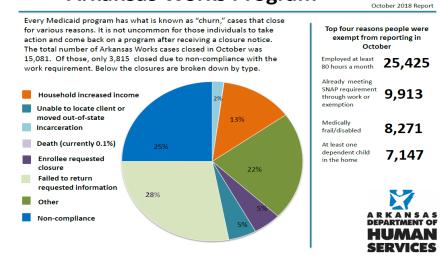
Work and Community Engagement Snapshot

Below are snapshots of the program for the quarter for WCE requirement compliance and reporting:

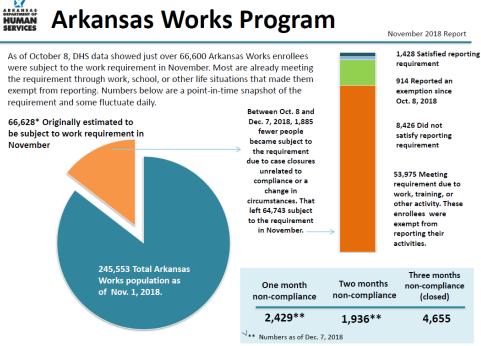


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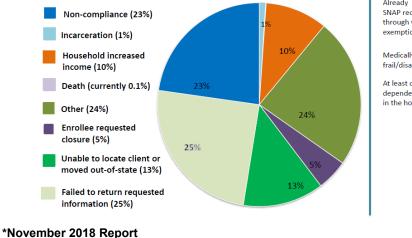
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Arkansas Works Program

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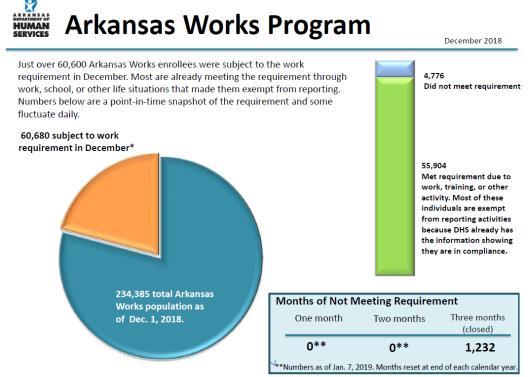




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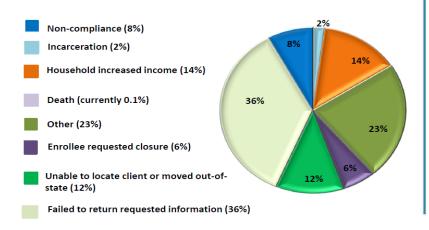


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Every Medicaid program has what is known as "churn," cases that close for various reasons. It is not uncommon for those individuals to take action and come back on a program after receiving a closure notice. The total number of Arkansas Works cases closed in December was 15,981. Of those, only 1,232 closed due to not meeting the requirement.

Of the enrollees whose coverage ended in 2018 due to not meeting the requirement, 966 have applied for and gained coverage in 2019. Of those, 963 are in Arkansas Works.



Outreach EffortsApril – December 2018includes DHS, AFMC,
insurance carriers, and DWSPhone Calls230,307Letters592,102Emails311,934Text Messages38,766Social Media
Posts918

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Quality Assurance

The initial ARWorks demonstration evaluation assessed the quality of care provided to ARWorks beneficiaries by analyzing whether enrollees had equal or better care and outcomes over time, compared with what they would have had otherwise in the Medicaid fee-for-service system. Health care and outcomes were evaluated using the following measures:

- Use of preventive and health care services.
- Experience with the care provided.
- Use of emergency room services (including emergent and non-emergent use).
- Potentially preventable emergency department and hospital admissions.

The ARWorks evaluation also explored whether ARWorks beneficiaries have better continuity of care compared with what they would have otherwise had in the Medicaid fee-for-service system over time. Continuity was evaluated using the following measures:

- Gaps in insurance coverage.
- Maintenance of continuous access to the same health plans.
- Maintenance of continuous access to the same providers.

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#	Requirement	Description	Туре	October 2018	November 2018	December 2018
	Number and percentage of individuals required to			13,653 individuals required to report work	9,854 individuals required to report work	6,087 individuals required to report work
	report each month			activities	activities	activities
1		# of individuals required to report work activities		Of AR Works individuals subject to the	Of AR Works individuals subject to the	Of AR Works individuals subject to the
		Of AR Works individuals subject to the work requirement,		work requirement, 19.8% were required to	work requirement, 15.2% were required to	work requirement, 10.0% were required to
		% were required to report work activities	Work Requirement	report work activities	report work activities	report work activities
	Number and percentage of beneficiaries who are	# of individuals who were exempt		55,388 individuals who were exempt	54,889 individuals who were exempt	54,593 individuals who were exempt
2	exempt from the community engagement	Of AR Works individuals subject to the work requirement,		Of AR Works individuals subject to the	Of AR Works individuals subject to the	Of AR Works individuals subject to the
	requirement	% were exempt	Work Requirement	work requirement, 80.2% were exempt	work requirement, 84.8% were exempt	work requirement, 90.0% were exempt
	Number and percentage of beneficiaries disenrolled			3,815 individuals closed due to non-	4,655 individuals closed due to non-	1,232 individuals closed due to non-
	for failing to comply with community engagement			compliance with the work requirement	compliance with the work requirement	compliance with the work requirement
7	requirements	# of clients closed due to non-compliance		Of AR Works individuals closed, 25%	Of AR Works individuals closed, 23%	Of AR Works individuals closed, 8% closed
		Of AR Works clients closed, % closed due to non-		closed due to non-compliance with the work	closed due to non-compliance with the work	due to non-compliance with the work
		compliance	Disenrollment	requirement	requirement	requirement
	Number and percentage of beneficiaries disenrolled			3,755 individuals who closed due to non-	4,581 individuals who closed due to non-	1,214 individuals who closed due to non-
	for failing to report	# of clients closed due to non-compliance who reported		compliance reported no work activity hours	compliance reported no work activity hours	compliance reported no work activity hours
8		no work activity hours in the month that they closed.		in October.	in November.	in December.
0		Of AR Works clients closed due to non-compliance, % who		Of individuals closed due to non-	Of individuals closed due to non-	Of individuals closed due to non-
		reported no work activity hours in the month that they		compliance, 98.4% reported no work activity	compliance, 98.4% reported no work activity	compliance, 98.5% reported no work activity
		closed.	Disenrollment	hours in October.	hours in November.	hours in December.
	Number and percentage of beneficiaries disenrolled	# of clients closed due to non-compliance who reported		60 individuals who closed due to non-	74 individuals who closed due to non-	18 individuals who closed due to non-
	for not meeting community engagement and	more than zero work activity hours in the month that they		compliance reported more than zero work	compliance reported more than zero work	compliance reported more than zero work
9	reporting requirements	closed.		activity hours in October.	activity hours in Novmber.	activity hours in December.
-		Of AR Works clients closed due to non-compliance, % who		Of individuals closed due to non-	Of individuals closed due to non-	Of individuals closed due to non-
		reported more than zero work activity hours in the month		compliance, 1.6% reported more than zero	compliance, 1.6% reported more than zero	compliance, 1.5% reported more than zero
		that they closed.	Disenrollment	work activity hours in October.	work activity hours in November.	work activity hours in December.
	Number and percentage of beneficiaries requesting					
	good cause exemptions from reporting requirements			198 "Good Cause Exemption" requests	105 "Good Cause Exemption" requests	113 "Good Cause Exemption" requests
	(tracked manually)			completed	completed	completed
				Of good cause exemption requests	Of good cause exemption requests	Of good cause exemption requests
				completed, 78.3% were "Reporting Good	completed, 79.0% were "Reporting Good	completed, 69.9% were "Reporting Good
_				Cause Exemption" requests	Cause Exemption" requests	Cause Exemption" requests
3				Of good cause exemption requests	Of good cause exemption requests	Of good cause exemption requests
				completed, 21.7% were "Work Requirement	completed, 21.0% were "Work Requirement	completed, 30.1% were "Work Requirement
		# of "Good Cause Exemption" requests completed		Good Cause Exemption" requests	Good Cause Exemption" requests	Good Cause Exemption" requests
		Of good cause exemption requests completed, % were		Note - There were 93 requests completed	Note - There were 47 requests completed	Note - There were 43 requests completed
		"Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests		that were determined to not be good cause	that were determined to not be good cause	that were determined to not be good cause
		Of good cause exemption requests completed, % were	Const Course	issues. They are not included in these	issues. They are not included in these	issues. They are not included in these
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	Number and percentage of beneficiaries granted					
	good cause exemption from reporting requirements			granted Of good cause exemption requests	granted Of good cause exemption requests	granted Of good cause exemption requests
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4		# of "Good Cause Exemption" requests granted Of good cause exemption requests granted, % were		granted, 78.6% were "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests	granted, 80.2% were "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests	granted, 68.9% were "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests
		"Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests		Of good cause exemption requests	Of good cause exemption requests	Of good cause exemption requests
		Of good cause exemption requests granted, % were "Work		granted, 21.4% were "Work Requirement	granted, 19.8% were "Work Requirement	granted, 31.1% were "Work Requirement
		Requirement Good Cause Exemption" requests	Good Cause	Good Cause Exemption" requests	Good Cause Exemption" requests	Good Cause Exemption" requests
	Number, percentage and type of community	nequirement doou dause Exemption Tequests	5500 C003C	43 "Work Requirement Good Cause	Coor cause Exemption Tequests	34 "Work Requirement Good Cause
	engagement good cause exemptions requested			Exemption" requests completed		Exemption" requests completed
	(tracked manually)			Of "Work Requirement Good Cause	22 "Work Requirement Good Cause	Of "Work Requirement Good Cause
	(a done a manuality)			Exemption" requests completed, percentage	Exemption" requests completed	Exemption" requests completed, percentage
11				by reason: 51.2% Recipient Disability, 14.0%	Of "Work Requirement Good Cause	by reason: 64.7% Recipient Disability, 11.8%
		# of "Work Requirement Good Cause Exemption" requests		Family Member Disability, 4.7%	Exemption" requests completed, percentage	Life Changing Event, 5.9% Technical Agency
		completed		Hospitalization, 4.7% Life Changing Event,	by reason: 59.1% Recipient Disability, 9.1%	Issue, 8.8% Technical Client Support, 2.9%
		Of "Work Requirement Good Cause Exemption" requests		11.6% Technical Agency Issue, 14.0%	Hospitalization, 22.7% Life Changing Event,	Family Member Disability, 2.9% Serious
		completed, % for each good cause reason	Good Cause	Technical Client Support	4.5% Technical Agency Issue, 4.5% Other	Illness, 2.9% Other
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	Number, percentage and type of community			39 "Work Requirement Good Cause		33 "Work Requirement Good Cause
	engagement good cause exemptions granted			Exemption" requests granted		Exemption" requests granted
				Of "Work Requirement Good Cause	20 "Work Requirement Good Cause	Of "Work Requirement Good Cause
				Exemption" requests granted, percentage by	Exemption" requests granted	Exemption" requests granted, percentage by
				reason: 56.4% Recipient Disability, 12.8%	Of "Work Requirement Good Cause	reason: 66.7% Recipient Disability, 12.1%
10				Family Member Disability, 5.1%	Exemption" requests granted, percentage by	Life Changing Event, 6.1% Technical Agency
12		# of "Work Requirement Good Cause Exemption" requests		Hospitalization, 2.6% Life Changing Event,	reason: 55.0% Recipient Disability, 10.0%	Issue, 9.1% Technical Client Support, 3.0%
		granted		12.8% Technical Agency Issue, 10.3%	Hospitalization, 25.0% Life Changing Event,	Family Member Disability, 3.0% Serious
		Of "Work Requirement Good Cause Exemption" requests		Technical Client Support	5.0% Technical Agency Issue, 5.0% Other	Illness
		granted, % for each good cause reason		Of "Work Requirement Good Cause	Of "Work Requirement Good Cause	Of "Work Requirement Good Cause
		Of "Work Requirement Good Cause Exemption" requests		Exemption" requests completed, 90.7%	Exemption" requests completed, 90.9%	Exemption" requests completed, 97.1%
		completed, % that were granted	Good Cause	were granted	were granted	were granted
	Number, percentage and type of reporting good					
	cause exemptions requested			155 "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"		
				requests completed		79 "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"
				Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	83 "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	requests completed
				requests completed, percentage by reason:	requests completed	Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"
13				35.5% Technical Agency Issue, 24.5%	Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	requests completed, percentage by reason:
10				Technical Client Support, 7.7% Recipient	requests completed, percentage by reason:	15.2% Technical Agency Issue, 35.4%
				Disability, 7.1% Hospitalization, 12.9% Life	8.4% Technical Agency Issue, 27.7%	Technical Client Support, 15.2% Recipient
		# of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests		Changing Event, 3.2% Family Member	Technical Client Support, 22.9% Recipient	Disability, 11.4% Hospitalization, 13.9% Life
		completed		Disability, 7.7% Serious Illness, 0.6% Death of	Disability, 12.0% Hospitalization, 16.9% Life	Changing Event, 3.8% Family Member
		Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests		Family Member living in Home, 0.6% Birth of	Changing Event, 6.0% Family Member	Disability, 3.8% Serious Illness, 1.3% Death of
		completed, % for each good cause reason	Good Cause	Family Member living in Home	Disability, 4.8% Serious Illness, 1.2% Other	Family Member Living in Home
	Number, percentage and type of reporting good			143 "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"		
	cause exemptions granted			requests granted		73 "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"
				Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	81 "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	requests granted
				requests granted, percentage by reason:	requests granted	Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"
				37.1% Technical Agency Issue, 22.4%	Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	requests granted, percentage by reason:
14				Technical Client Support, 7.7% Recipient	requests granted, percentage by reason:	16.4% Technical Agency Issue, 38.4%
14				Disability, 7.7% Hospitalization, 13.3% Life Changing Event, 2.8% Family Member	8.6% Technical Agency Issue, 27.2% Technical Client Support, 23.5% Recipient	Technical Client Support, 15.1% Recipient Disability, 12.3% Hospitalization, 12.3% Life
		# of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests granted		Disability, 7.7% Serious Illness, 0.7% Death of	Disability, 12.3% Hospitalization, 17.3% Life	Changing Event, 2.7% Family Member
		Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests granted		Family Member living in Home, 0.7% Birth of		Disability, 1.4% Serious Illness, 1.4% Death of
		% for each good cause reason		Family Member living in Home	Disability, 3.7% Serious Illness, 1.2% Other	Family Member Living in Home
		Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption" requests		Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"	Of "Reporting Good Cause Exemption"
		completed, % that were granted	Good Cause	requests completed, 92.3% were granted	requests completed, 97.6% were granted	requests completed, 92.4% were granted
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	requested reasonable accommodations (tracked	# of Reasonable Accommodation Requests completed		completed	completed	completed
	manually)	Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests completed, %		Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests	Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests	Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests
5		that are granted		completed, 100% were granted	completed, 100% were granted	completed, 100% were granted
		Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests completed, %	Reasonable	Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests	Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests	Of Reasonable Accommodation Requests
		that are denied	Accommodations	completed, 0% were denied	completed, 0% were denied	completed, 0% were denied
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	accommodations provided to beneficiaries (tracked			6 Reasonable Accommodation Requests	1 Reasonable Accommodation Request	granted
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