

State: Arkansas

Demonstration Name: ARKids B

Description & Status:

The Arkansas ARKids B Demonstration provides coverage for uninsured children through age 18 with family income (net of State income disregards under 45 CFR 233.20(a)(4)(ii)) and not exceeding 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). The objectives of the Demonstration are to integrate uninsured children into the health care delivery system and to provide a Secretary-approved benefit package, comparable to the State Employees and State Teachers Insurance Program.

Populations:

The Demonstration serves uninsured children through age 18 with family income not exceeding 250 percent of the FPL.

Approval Date: October 17, 2002

Effective Date: January 1, 2003

Renewal Date: December 14, 2010

Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

Pending Actions:

There are no pending actions for this demonstration.

**ARKANSAS ARKIDS B
SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION
FACT SHEET**

Name of Section 1115 Demonstration:	ARKids B
Date Proposal Submitted:	May 13, 1997
Date Proposal Approved:	August 19, 1997
Date of Implementation:	September 1, 1997
BBA Extension Approved:	February 26, 2002
BBA Expires	September 30, 2005
Date BIPA Extension Submitted	May 31, 2005
Date BIPA Approved	September 30, 2005
Date BIPA Expires	September 30, 2008
Date Extension Proposal Approved:	January 1, 2011
Date Expires:	December 31, 2013

SUMMARY

On May 13, 1997, Arkansas submitted a proposal for “ARKids First”, a five year section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration project. On August 19, 1997, CMS approved Arkansas’ request, permitting the State to expand eligibility to currently uninsured children through age 18 with family income at or below 200 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) who were not eligible for Arkansas’ existing Medicaid program. The State implemented ARKids First (renamed ARKids B in August 2000) on September 1, 1997. With a renewal effective January 1, 2011, claims for children covered under the ARKids B Demonstration are eligible for the enhanced title XXI match.

Currently, the Demonstration provides coverage for uninsured children through age 18 with family income (net of State income disregards under 45 CFR 233.20(a)(4)(ii)) and not exceeding 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). ARKids B offers a less comprehensive benefit package than the State’s traditional Medicaid program (which is referred to as ARKids A), and requires co-payments.

The ARKids B Demonstration utilizes the same provider system as ARKids A and operates under a Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) model. The objectives of the Demonstration are to integrate uninsured children into the health care delivery system and to provide a Secretary-approved benefit package, comparable to the State Employees and State Teachers Insurance Program.

ELIGIBILITY

Uninsured children through age 18 with family income at or below 250 percent of the FPL are eligible for ARKids B. An ARKids B applicant cannot have had health insurance other than Medicaid in the preceding six months (unless the health insurance was lost through no fault of the applicant). There is no presumptive eligibility. Retroactive eligibility may be determined up to three months prior to application.

BENEFIT PACKAGE

The State must offer an ARKids B benefit package that meets or exceeds a benefit package that would be approved under CHIP as “Secretary-approved coverage,” pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 457.450. The benefit package must include inpatient and outpatient hospital services, physician surgical and medical services, laboratory and x-ray services, well-baby and well-child care, including age-appropriate immunizations. Enrollees in ARKids B are not eligible for the full range of State Medicaid services.

DELIVERY SYSTEM

The Demonstration utilizes the same provider system as ARKids A and operates under a PCCM model. ARKids B beneficiaries select or are aligned with a PCP responsible for furnishing primary and preventive services and making medically necessary referrals.

COST SHARING

Co-payments and co-insurance apply for all services with the exception of immunizations, preventive health screenings, family planning, and prenatal care. The ARKids B schedule of co-payments and co-insurance is outlined in the following table may change after the State reviews the provisions of 42 CFR Part 447 and takes the necessary compliance actions outlined in paragraph 13 The annual cumulative cost-sharing maximum cannot exceed 5 percent of the ARKids B family’s income (net of State income disregards under 45 CFR 233.20(a)(4)(ii)).

Benefit/Limits	Co-Pay/Coinsurance
Ambulance (Emergency Only)	\$10 per trip
Ambulatory Surgical Center	\$10 per visit
Audiological Services (only Tympanometry, CPT procedure code 92567, when the diagnosis is within the ICD-9-CM range of 381.0 through 382.9)	None
Certified Nurse Midwife	\$10 per visit
Chiropractor	\$10 per visit
Dental Care (Limited to routine dental care, no Orthodontia)	\$10 per visit

Durable Medical Equipment (Limited to \$500 per State Fiscal Year (SFY) July 1 – June 30)	20 percent of Medicaid allowed per DME item
Emergency Dept Services (Emergent, non-emergent, assessment)	\$10 per visit
Family Planning	None
Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)	\$10 per visit
Home Health (10 visits per SFY)	\$10 per visit
Hospital, Inpatient (including psychiatric services except for services in an inpatient psychiatric hospital and a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility)	20 percent of first inpatient day
Hospital, Outpatient	\$10 per visit
Immunizations (All per protocol)	None
Laboratory and X-Ray	\$10 per visit
Medical Supplies (Limited to \$125/mo unless benefit extension is approved)	None
Mental and Behavioral Health, Outpatient	\$10 per visit
Nurse Practitioner	\$10 per visit
Physician	\$10 per visit
Podiatry	\$10 per visit
Prenatal Care	None
Prescription Drugs	\$5 per prescription (Must use generic and rebate manufacturer, if available)
Preventive Health Screenings (All per protocol)	None
Rural Health Clinic	\$10 per visit
Speech Therapy Evaluation – Four 30 minute units/SFY unless benefit extension is approved Therapy – Four 15 minute units/day unless benefit extension is approved	\$10 per visit
Vision (Eye exam, eyeglasses)	\$10 per visit (no co-pay for eyeglasses)

STATE FUNDING SOURCE

The State of Arkansas certifies that State/local monies are used as matching funds for the demonstration and that such funds shall not be used as matching funds for any other Federal grant or contract, except as permitted by law.

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