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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

March 4, 2026

Janet Mann
Director of Health and Medicaid Director
Arkansas Department of Human Services
112 West 8th Street, Slot S401
Little Rock, AR 72201-4608

Re: Arkansas State Plan Amendment (SPA) AR-25-0016

Dear Director Mann:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed your Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) AR-25-0016. This amendment provides mandatory coverage for eligible juveniles who are incarcerated in a public institution post adjudication of charges in accordance with Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA) of 2023.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Social Security Act. This letter informs you that Arkansas Medicaid SPA TN AR-25-0016 was approved on March 3, 2026, with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Enclosed are copies of Form CMS-179 and approved SPA pages to be incorporated into the Arkansas State Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact Lee Herko at (570) 230-4048 or via email at Lee.Herko@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,



Wendy E. Hill Petras
Acting Director, Division of Program Operations

Enclosures

cc: Elizabeth Pitman

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER <u>2 5 — 0 0 1 6</u>	2. STATE <u>A R</u>
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT <input checked="" type="radio"/> XIX <input type="radio"/> XXI	
TO: CENTER DIRECTOR CENTERS FOR MEDICAID & CHIP SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 1/1/2025	
5. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION 1902(a)(84)of the Act and 1905(a)(19) 42 CFR 440.169	6. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT (Amounts in WHOLE dollars) a. FFY <u>2025</u> \$ <u>85,206</u> b. FFY <u>2026</u> \$ <u>110,558</u>	
7. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT Attachment 3.1M Pages 1-2	8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable) New	

9. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT
Healthcare Coverage for Incarcerated, Eligible Juveniles

10. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One)

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:

COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED

NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

11. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL 	15. RETURN TO Office of Rules Promulgation PO Box 1437, Slot S295 Little Rock, AR 72203-1437 Attn: Mac Golden
12. TYPED NAME Elizabeth Pitman	
13. TITLE Director, Division of Medical Services	
14. DATE SUBMITTED 12-12-2025	

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16. DATE RECEIVED <u>December 12, 2025</u>	17. DATE APPROVED <u>March 3, 2026</u>
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PLAN APPROVED - ONE COPY ATTACHED

18. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL <u>January 1, 2025</u>	19. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL
20. TYPED NAME OF APPROVING OFFICIAL <u>Wendy E. Hill Petras</u>	21. TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL <u>Acting Director, Division of Program Operations</u>

22. REMARKS

State authorized pen and ink change to Box 5 to remove "and 1905(a)(19), 42 CFR 440.169 on March 2, 2026.

**Mandatory Coverage for
Eligible Juveniles who are
Inmates of a Public Institution
Post Adjudication of Charges**

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General assurances. State must indicate compliance with all four items below with a check.

In accordance with section 1902(a)(84)(D) of the Social Security Act, the state has an internal operational plan and, in accordance with such plan, provides for the following for eligible juveniles as defined in 1902(n) (individuals who are under 21 years of age and determined eligible for any Medicaid eligibility group, or individuals determined eligible for the mandatory eligibility group for former foster care children age 18 up to age 26, immediately before becoming an inmate of a public institution or while an inmate of a public institution) who are within 30 days of their scheduled date of release from a public institution following adjudication:

In the 30 days prior to release (or not later than one week, or as soon as practicable, after release from the public institution), and in coordination with the public institution, any screenings and diagnostic services which meet reasonable standards of medical and dental practice, as determined by the state, or as otherwise indicated as medically necessary, in accordance with the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements, including a behavioral health screening or diagnostic service.

In the 30 days prior to release and for at least 30 days following release, targeted case management services, including referrals to appropriate care and services available in the geographic region of the home or residence of the eligible juvenile, where feasible, under the Medicaid state plan (or waiver of such plan).

The state acknowledges that a correctional institution is considered a public institution and may include prisons, jails, detention facilities, or other penal settings (e.g., boot camps or wilderness camps).

PRA Disclosure Statement - This use of this form is mandatory and the information is being collected to assist the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in implementing Section 5121 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023. Under the Privacy Act of 1974, any personally identifying information obtained will be kept private to the extent of the law. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. The OMB control number for this project is 0938-1148 (CMS-10398 #85). Public burden for all of the collection of information requirements under this control number is estimated to take about 50 hours per response. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to CMS, 7500 Security Boulevard, Attn: Paperwork Reduction Act Reports Clearance Officer, Mail Stop C4-26-05, Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850.

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Additional information provided (optional):

No

Yes [provide below]

The state may determine that it is not feasible to provide the required services during the pre-release period in certain carceral facilities (e.g., identified local jails, youth correctional facilities, and state prisons) and/or certain circumstances (e.g. unexpected release or short-term stays). The state will maintain clear documentation in its internal operational plan regarding each facility and/or circumstances where the state determines that it is not feasible to provide for the required services during the pre-release period. This information is available to CMS upon request. Services will be provided post-release, including the mandatory 30-days of targeted case management, screening, and diagnostic services.

The state will maintain clear documentation in its internal operational plan indicating which carceral facility/facilities are furnishing required services during the pre-release period but not enrolling in or billing Medicaid. This information is available to CMS upon request.

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