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### Medicaid Eligibility

**Overall Grade: A**

Eligibility for childless adults	A
Eligibility for parent of a dependent child	A*
Eligibility for pregnant women	B
Medicaid and/or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) eligibility for children	B

### Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers

**Overall Grade: Fail**

Arkansas sought a section 1115 waiver to, among other things, implement a work requirement, remove retroactive eligibility and charge premiums. This waiver was approved by the federal government and enacted by the state but has since been blocked by court.

### Out-of-Pocket Costs

**Overall Grade: F**

Prescription drug cost sharing protections	F
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### Step Therapy

**Overall Grade: C**

Based on clinical practice	A
Timeline	C
Exception process	C
Categories of exceptions	D
Subsequent guidance from state	F

### Medical Nutrition

**Overall Grade: B**

Coverage requirements for commercial health plans	B
Covered disorders requirements for commercial health plans	C
Coverage requirements for state-run programs	B
Covered disorders requirements for state-run programs	C

### Newborn Screening

**Overall Grade: B**

Screening for RUSP core conditions	C
Adding RUSP core conditions to the state panel	B
Funding for program	A
Use of dried blood spots (DBS)	A
Follow-up	B
Quality of program	D
Advisory committee	B

### Rare Disease Advisory Councils

Arkansas has not enacted legislation to create a rare disease advisory council.

### Individual Insurance Market Protections

**Pre-existing conditions protections:** Only current federal protections apply in Arkansas.

**Short-term, limited-duration and association health plans:** Arkansas does not place any stricter limitations than current federal standards on short-term, limited-duration health plans or association health plans.

**Reinsurance:** Arkansas has not yet sought a section 1332 waiver to establish a reinsurance program.

\*Although stated eligibility level for parents of dependent children would not warrant an "A," state has expanded Medicaid to enable individuals previously ineligible for Medicaid to become Medicaid eligible up to 138% eligibility FPL and, therefore, earns an "A."