

Arkansas



Arkansas Cash and Counseling Experience

- 2,032 current enrollees
- Median age is 71
- 12 individuals 100+
- Youngest participants are age 19
- 954 between 70 to 89 years of age (47% of total)
- 563 between 50 to 69 years of age (28% of total)
- 77% receive benefit less than limit of 64 hours
- Highest monthly allowance--\$1,939
- Lowest monthly allowance--\$173.10
- Average monthly allowance--\$574

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- Exceeded Expectations
- Not a Silver Bullet
- Vital to those who choose it
- Brought in non-traditional workers
- Flexible services and use of dollars
- Caregivers provide specialized care
- 1115 Demonstration Wavier to DRA 1915(j)
Fiscal Intermediary Cost

Arkansas Money Follows the Person Experience

- 305 Target—low compared to some states
- Issues
 - 1 year to plan, no time for implementation
 - System Changes-lengthy process
 - No funding for infrastructure, except IT
 - MFP funds cannot be used for housing
 - CMS rule on TCM—chilling effect
 - Practical issues: SS Check; Cash Flow
 - ARHome 1915(a)(c) Waiver—Health Plan with Prospective Payment
 - **Focuses attention on HCBS policy**
 - Federal cost neutrality vs. state cost neutrality

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