Welcome to the Provider Portal

Arkansas Health Care Payment Improvement Initiative

The Provider Portal is now open!

The Arkansas Health Care Payment Improvement Initiative is an effort to transform the state’s health care payment system so that it promotes high-quality, efficient clinical care and reduces costs. The initiative will change the current payment model so that it rewards health care providers for delivering high-quality, coordinated care for clinical episodes.

After the preparatory period, the payers will use some of these clinical metrics to determine whether a provider is eligible to share in savings or excess costs across their episodes.

How to access and use the system:

- **Sign In:** Physician practices, hospitals, RSPMI providers and other qualifying providers may log into the Provider Portal at www.paymentinitiative.org.

- **Reports:** Initial reports will be provided for a year’s worth of historical episodes, detailing quality and claims data for each episode type. These reports will allow providers to understand their performance and compare it against a range of providers in the state. Once providers begin submitting data on the Provider Portal, periodic reports will be generated detailing episode cost, quality and provider submissions.

Principal Accountable Providers (PAPs) may enter data for the ADHD, CHF, and hip/knee episodes beginning July 1. The URI and perinatal episodes will not require any data entry. After the preparatory period has ended and the reporting period begins, PAPs must enter episode data for certain quality metrics for select episodes to be eligible for gain sharing.

The Provider Portal is a HIPAA-compliant online tool that allows hospitals, physicians, and other providers to submit a limited amount of data that will be tied to the initiative’s financial incentives and to view reports on their quality, cost, and utilization. During the first phase of the initiative, Arkansas Medicaid, Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and Qualchoice will each launch a selection of the following episodes: perinatal, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), upper respiratory infection (URI), hip and knee replacement, and congestive heart failure (CHF).

During a three- to six-month preparatory period beginning July 1, data submission through the Provider Portal will not be required, but sign-in is necessary to access reports on historical provider cost and quality.