



## DHS's Response to COVID-19 for Providers

### Announcement – 8/20/2020

The Arkansas Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Steering Committee approved \$8.77 million in federal funds from the Coronavirus Relief Fund to support primary care physicians (PCPs) in efforts to minimize the negative impact of COVID-19 on childhood vaccinations. PCP practices that serve children may be eligible for reimbursements for expenses from March 1 to October 1, 2020 to help close the pediatric immunization gap resulting from COVID-19's impact on primary care.

The maximum reimbursement for each primary care practice is \$30 per child who is covered by either Medicaid ARKids A or B as of March 2020, up to the cost of the enhancements as supported by the documentation submitted to DHS

Providers can apply for reimbursement for eligible vaccine-related expenses using this form [here](#). To learn more about the program and expenses that are eligible for reimbursement, please read through these [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#). Providers are also encouraged to review the provider guidance found [here](#).

If you have additional questions or need assistance, please contact your [AFMC provider relations outreach specialist](#).

Sincerely,  
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