

Message testing Medicaid redeterminations



1. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the federal government has pro-hibited states from removing people from Medicaid—even if they are ineligible. However, beginning April 1st, states are finally able to remove ineligible Medicaid enrollees. Do you support or oppose removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program as quickly as possible?

	GOP	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
Support	63%	26%	37%	44%
Oppose	16%	47%	27%	29%
Unsure	21%	26%	35%	28%

2. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that the State of Arkansas has been diligently reaching out to Medicaid enrollees to help them through the process and ensure they maintain their coverage if they are eligible?

	GOP	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
More Likely	81%	53%	58%	65%
Less Likely	8%	27%	16%	16%
Unsure	10%	21%	27%	19%

3. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program as quickly as possible if you knew that doing so would free up resources for the truly needy?

	GOP	DEMOCRATS	INDEPENDENTS	ALL VOTERS
More Likely	77%	43%	55%	60%
Less Likely	12%	31%	17%	19%
Unsure	11%	26%	28%	21%



4. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that many of these ineligible enrollees already qualify for free or low-cost health insurance?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	75%	50%	48%	59%
Less Likely	11%	25%	25%	20%
Unsure	14%	24%	27%	21%

5. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that most truly needy Arkansans on Medicaid—such as those who are elderly or have disabilities—will not lose coverage?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	71%	43%	47%	55%
Less Likely	16%	33%	26%	24%
Unsure	13%	23%	27%	21%

6. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that roughly half of likely ineligible enrollees are able-bodied adults?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	75%	44%	41%	55%
Less Likely	15%	32%	22%	22%
Unsure	10%	24%	37%	23%

7. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that doing so could free up resources for other priorities like public safety, transportation, education, or income tax reduction?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	75%	37%	44%	54%
Less Likely	15%	41%	21%	25%
Unsure	10%	22%	34%	22%

8. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that the quicker these enrollees are removed, the more money Arkansas taxpayers will save?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	75%	30%	44%	52%
Less Likely	14%	39%	23%	24%
Unsure	11%	31%	33%	24%

9. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that Medicaid is consuming nearly 30 percent of Arkansas’s budget?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	67%	31%	44%	49%
Less Likely	16%	43%	19%	25%
Unsure	17%	27%	37%	26%

10. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that Medicaid enrollment in Arkansas has increased by roughly 25 percent since the beginning of the pandemic to its current highest level ever?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	72%	33%	38%	49%
Less Likely	12%	33%	23%	22%
Unsure	15%	34%	39%	29%

11. Would you be more or less likely to support removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program if you knew that more than 420,000 Arkansans on Medicaid—or roughly 40 percent of the state’s total Medicaid enrollment—are likely ineligible?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
More Likely	64%	30%	31%	43%
Less Likely	15%	31%	26%	23%
Unsure	21%	39%	42%	33%

11. After having heard more details about Arkansas’s Medicaid pro-gram, do you now support or oppose removing ineligible enrollees from Arkansas’s Medicaid program as quickly as possible?

	<i>GOP</i>	<i>DEMOCRATS</i>	<i>INDEPENDENTS</i>	<i>ALL VOTERS</i>
Support	77%	35%	44%	53%
Oppose	10%	42%	21%	23%
Unsure	13%	23%	36%	24%

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Methodology statement: Results for these polls were collected by Opportunity Arkansas Foundation using an independent polling firm. The questions utilized a combination IVR survey, live calls, and online panel from a statewide sample of 517 voters, conducted April 26-28, 2023, with a margin of sampling error of ± 4.31 percentage points. The margin of sampling errors may be higher for subgroups. Results presented may not always appear to total 100 percent due to rounding. Data were post-stratified using weighted demographic information from the U.S. Census Bureau’s Current Population Survey Voting and Registration Supplement and the state election authorities. Demographic information for actual voters in past elections was used to construct sample target weights. Opportunity Arkansas Foundation paid for all costs associated with these surveys.