



Arkansas APCD 20B Release

August 2020

The **Arkansas APCD 20B database** now available. The Arkansas APCD 20B release includes data through the end of 2019. The [Data Coverage](#) table provides overall coverage periods. Some submitters within these categories have exemptions affecting their coverage. Refer to the [Arkansas APCD 20B Universe Counts](#) spreadsheet for submitter specific coverage information.

Note, hereafter, the release number will be included with database name, e.g. 20B. The Arkansas APCD is updated quarterly though only the second and fourth updates annually are available for release.

The Arkansas APCD quarterly releases can be identified using the following naming convention:

| Quarter | Coverage Period | Release | Example | Available |
|-----------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|---------|------------------|
| Q1 | January 1, 2013 – September 30, [previous year] | [Year][A] | 20A | n/a |
| Q2 | January 1, 2013 – December 31, [previous year] | [Year][B] | 20B* | July/August |
| Q3 | January 1, 2013 – March 31, [current year] | [Year][C] | 20C | n/a |
| Q4 | January 1, 2013 – June 30, [current year] | [Year][D] | 20D* | January/February |

*Arkansas APCD releases available for data request fulfillment.

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DATA COVERAGE

| Source Category | August 2020 (20B) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Arkansas Works Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2019 |
| Commercial, Fully Insured Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2019 |
| Arkansas Employee Benefits Division Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2019 |
| Arkansas Medicaid Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2019 |
| Arkansas Qualified Health Plan Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2019 |
| Arkansas Medicare Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2017 |
| Vital Statistics Data - Arkansas Birth Certificate Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2018 |
| Vital Statistics Data - Arkansas Death Certificate Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2018 |
| Inpatient Hospital Discharge Data (uninsured or self-pay patients) | Jan 2013 - Dec 2018 |
| Emergency Department Data (uninsured or self-pay patients) | Jan 2013 - Dec 2018 |
| Cancer Registry Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2016 |
| Medical Marijuana Cardholders Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2019 |
| Arkansas Workers' Compensation Data | Jan 2013 - Dec 2019 |

With few exceptions, all required submitting entities have submitted data in the ranges indicated in the Data Coverage table above. Refer to the [Source Specific Release Notes](#) section for more information.

SOURCE SPECIFIC RELEASE NOTES

Certain submitting entities have been added or omitted from the Arkansas APCD 20B release. Those omitted have data quality issues that are being resolved. These issues are significant resulting in their omission from the database release until resolution. Once resolved, previously excluded submitting entities are included. The table below lists the entities and their 20B status.

| SE_ID | Submitting Entity | Release Notes | 20B Status |
|--------|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 16256 | Arkansas Total Care | <p>This submitter is included in the 20B release with conditions. An issue exists with member IDs on the member data and pharmacy claims. The member ID provided by the system producing the member data does not align with the member ID on the system producing the pharmacy claim records. It is possible to use the pharmacy claims alone for cost and utilization analyses. It is not possible to join member data with pharmacy claims data at this time. See the Arkansas APCD tip sheet for more information.</p> <p>Number of covered lives for this submitter: 14,673</p> | Included with conditions |
| 62286A | Golden Rule Insurance Company | <p>This submitter is not included in the 20B release because of orphaned claims. A significant number of claims are present that have no corresponding member records.</p> <p>Number of covered lives for this submitter: 10,111</p> | Not included |
| 64246 | Guardian | <p>This submitter has been excluded previously for issue resolution but is now included. Note, data is available only through December 2018. Later data is being submitted for inclusion in later releases.</p> <p>Number of covered lives for this submitter: 111,908</p> | Included |
| 65676 | The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company | <p>An issue exists with versioning rules utilized for this submitter therefore no versioning has been applied for the 20B release.</p> <p>Number of covered lives for this submitter: 43,379</p> | Not included |

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| 67369B | Cigna Health & Life Insurance Company Inc.- Cigna East | An issue exists with versioning rules utilized for this submitter affecting all medical claims with paid date (MC017) > 2017-02-28. However, data requesters can use a workaround to determine the most recent version of a claim. See the Arkansas APCD tip sheet for versioning recommendations. Number of covered lives for this submitter: 59,439 | Included with conditions |
| 70408 | SunLife\Union Security Insurance Company | This submitter is not included in the 20B release because of member ID issues. These are being addressed. Data should be available in the 20D Arkansas APCD Data Release. Number of covered lives for this submitter: 21,851 | Not included |
| 12151 | Arcadian Health Plan | This submitter is not included in the 20B release because of member ID issues. These are being addressed. Data should be available in the 20D Arkansas APCD Data Release. Number of covered lives for this submitter: 80,789 | Not included |
| 70580 | Humana Dental Insurance Company | This submitter is not included in the 20B release because of member ID issues. These are being addressed. Data should be available in the 20D Arkansas APCD Data Release. Number of covered lives for this submitter: 8184 | Not included |
| 73288 | Humana Insurance Company | This submitter is not included in the 20B release because of member ID issues. These are being addressed. Data should be available in the 20D Arkansas APCD Data Release. Number of covered lives for this submitter: 392,252 | Not included |
| 79413B | United Healthcare Insurance Company Inc. | This submitter has been excluded previously for issue resolution but is now included. All years of data available. Number of covered lives for this submitter: 169,279 | Included |
| 79413C | United Healthcare | Versioning issues have been found in the pharmacy claims data. However, data requesters can use a workaround to determine the most recent version of | Included with conditions |

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| | Student Resources | <p>a claim. See the Arkansas APCD tip sheet for versioning recommendations.</p> <p>Number of covered lives for this submitter: 11,611</p> | |
| 95885 | Humana Health Plan | <p>This submitter is not included in the 20B release because of member ID issues. These are being addressed. Data should be available in the 20D Arkansas APCD Data Release.</p> <p>Number of covered lives for this submitter: 146,738</p> | Not included |
| 99MD11 | MedImpact Healthcare Systems | <p>This submitter is included in the 20B release with conditions. An issue exists with member IDs on the member data and pharmacy claims. The member ID provided by the system producing the member data does not align with the member ID on the system producing the pharmacy claim records. It is possible to use the pharmacy claims alone for cost and utilization analyses. It is not possible to join member data with pharmacy claims data at this time. This is being addressed. See the Arkansas APCD tip sheet for more information.</p> <p>Number of covered lives for this submitter: 48,313</p> | Included with conditions |

Important information:

- The APCD Unique ID (ME998 or Hash ID) is consistent with the previous build.
- Review the latest [Arkansas APCD 20B Universe Counts](#) published on the APCD website for information about the latest data available.
- Utilize the searchable Arkansas APCD [data dictionaries](#) and [tip sheets](#). New and key tip highlights are bulleted below (be sure to review them all!):
 - Using Arkansas Total Care and MedImpact pharmacy claims
 - Versioning workarounds for [79413C](#), [67369B](#) and [65676](#)
 - Calculating Medicare fee-for-service medical and DME claims payment amounts
 - Identifying Arkansas PASSE Data
 - New: Service Provider information has been added to the Arkansas Employee Benefits Division medical claims.
 - Misplaced Member ID for [79413B](#) – Resolved
- For high level descriptions of the APCD and its data, refer to the [Arkansas APCD Infographic](#) for a summary of the latest data available to data requesters for August 2020.