

# “VITAL SUPPORT SERVICES”

## TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MEDICAID EXPANSION PROGRAM (TS-MEP)



### SERVING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

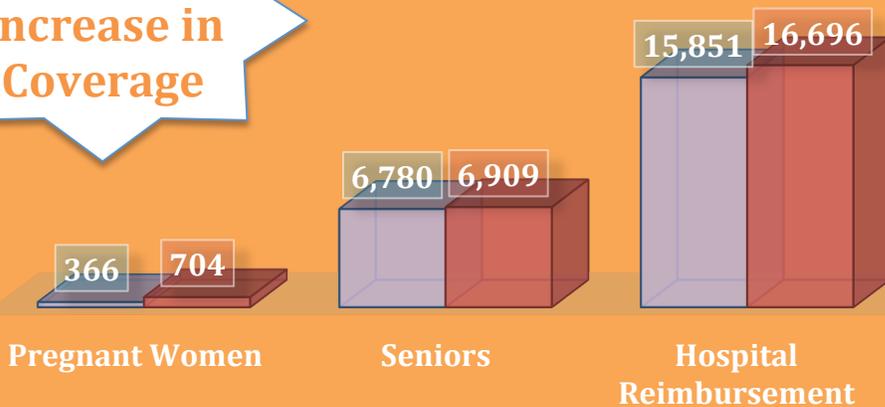
TS-MEP provided **expanded access to health benefits and services** for 24,309 eligible pregnant women, seniors, and qualified adults. This is an increase of 5.7% from the number of Arkansans served by TS-MEP in 2015 (22,997).

**24,309**  
Arkansans  
Covered

### NUMBER OF ARKANSANS BENEFITTING FROM TS-MEP SERVICES

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Increase in  
Coverage

■ 2015 ■ 2016



### OPPORTUNITIES

The discontinuation of TS-MEP initiative ARHealthNetworks provides the opportunity to support the other three TS-MEP populations as well as the state’s overall Medicaid efforts. In 2016, DHS proposed to add the Division of **Developmental Disabilities Alternative Community Services Waiver Waiting list** as a new group. The legislation passed in early 2017. It is expected that this new funding will allow these **services to be extended to 500-900 individuals** currently waiting for these services.



### ECONOMIC IMPACT

Total claims paid for the TS-MEP populations for 2016 was nearly \$15.9 million. These funds were used to leverage 70% **federal Medicaid matching dollars** of nearly **\$9.9 million.**

