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THE WEEK IN BRIEF

Arkansas nonprofit corporations continue under the standing annual report requirement with the Arkansas Secretary of State. Heat remains elevated across much of the state according to National Weather Service forecasts. Community Assistance Grant Program awards from the recent application window are anticipated in early fall. Medicaid and related service notices continue to move through the Arkansas Department of Human Services process. Workers'

compensation loss-cost filings show proposed decreases effective earlier in the year. Regional activity is quiet in several areas this week.

ARKANSAS RULE OR DEADLINE

Act 569 of 2007 requires nonprofit corporations to file an annual report with the Arkansas Secretary of State's office by August 1st of each year. There is no charge to file any nonprofit annual report online. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2026, <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/nonprofit-charitable-entities>.

Charitable organizations that solicit contributions must file an annual financial report no later than one hundred eighty days after the last date of the organization's fiscal year. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2025, <https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/uploads/bcs/DoingBusinessInArkansas2025.pdf>.

The 60-day compliance calendar items, Department of Human Services and Arkansas Economic Development Commission notices, and labor or insurance items return on the first Monday of next month.

DEMAND AND POLICY

Of Arkansas's 1,232,610 households, 16 percent (196,766) were below the federal poverty level and another 27 percent (335,094) were ALICE—households with income above the federal poverty level but not enough to afford the ALICE Household Survival Budget—bringing the share below the ALICE Threshold to 43 percent (531,860). United For ALICE, 2026, <https://unitedforalice.org/key-findings/arkansas>.

The ALICE Household Survival Budget was \$27,276 for a single adult and \$71,052 for a family of four with two adults, an infant, and a preschooler. United For ALICE, 2026, <https://unitedforalice.org/key-findings/arkansas>.

Medicaid covers approximately 1 in 4 Arkansans. The Arkansas Department of Human Services oversees the state's Medicaid program. Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, Little Rock, 2026, <https://achi.net/publications/arkansas-medicaid-an-overview/>.

As of February 2026, ARHOME reported 226,758 enrollees. The current ARHOME demonstration waiver is approved through December 31, 2026. Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, Little Rock, 2026, <https://achi.net/publications/arkansas-medicaid-an-overview/>.

LEGISLATIVE AND WEATHER WATCH

The 2026 Arkansas legislative fiscal session was scheduled to convene April 8, 2026, and adjourn April 29, 2026. Ballotpedia, 2026, https://ballotpedia.org/2026_Arkansas_legislative_session.

National Weather Service forecasts for Fayetteville show sunny conditions with a high near 96 degrees and heat index values as high as 102 on September 14, 2026, with continued warm temperatures through the week. National Weather Service, Tulsa, 2026, <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=36.0625795&lon=-94.1574263>.

National Weather Service forecasts for Hot Springs show a high near 98 degrees with heat index values as high as 105 on September 14, 2026, and continued hot conditions. National Weather Service, Little Rock, 2026,

<https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?CityName=Hot+Springs&state=AR&site=LZK>.

A Heat Advisory was in effect in parts of the region. National Weather Service, 2026.

INTELLIGENCE AND ANALYSIS

The Internal Revenue Service lists 17,308 active tax-exempt organizations operating in Arkansas, including 14,223 501(c)(3) organizations. Arkansas nonprofit organizations reported \$25.1 billion in revenue on their most recent tax filings. ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, New York, 2026, <https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/states/AR>.

Highest-revenue organizations include large health systems based on the most recently reported figures. ProPublica Nonprofit Explorer, New York, 2026,

<https://projects.propublica.org/nonprofits/states/AR>.

Arkansas Department of Human Services audit guidelines require nonprofit organizations receiving at least 20 percent of the single audit threshold (currently \$150,000) within a fiscal year to furnish an audit submitted within 120 days of the end of that fiscal year. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, 2024, <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/wp-content/uploads/Public-Notice-Audit-Guidelines.pdf>.

FUNDING

STATE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENTS

Arkansas Department of Human Services continues active procurement activity, including invitations for bids for vehicles, drug testing and collection, behavioral health clinician services, and non-emergency medical transportation services in designated regions, with various closing dates earlier in 2026. Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, 2026,

https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/procurement_categories/invitation-for-bids/.

Federal awards to the Arkansas Department of Human Services appear in multiple categories for 2026, including Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and other programs. HHS TAGGS, 2026,

https://taggs.hhs.gov/Detail/RecipDetail?arg_EntityId=vwownt6FGB5Nj%2B1jbbLAYGw%3D%3D.

The Community Assistance Grant Program is a 20 percent matching grant program. Eligible applicants, which include Arkansas cities, counties, and nonprofits, can apply for up to \$1,500,000 per fiscal year. Recipients must provide a 20 percent match of the awarded amount in either cash, in-kind labor, in-kind materials, or in-kind land. Applications were open from July 1, 2026, through August 15, 2026, with awards expected in early Fall 2026. Arkansas Economic Development Commission / Governor's Office, Little Rock, 2026,

https://governor.arkansas.gov/news_post/applications-open-for-2026-community-assistance-grant-program-on-july-1/ and <https://www.arkansasedc.com/community-resources/community-assistance-grant-program>.

In plain English, the 20 percent match means that for every dollar awarded by the state under the Community Assistance Grant Program, the recipient organization must contribute the equivalent of 20 cents through cash or documented in-kind contributions.

PEOPLE AND DELIVERY

Dollar General Literacy Foundation awarded \$90,000 in youth literacy grants to Arkansas schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations, with several Northeast Arkansas recipients.

KAIT, Jonesboro, 2026, <https://www.kait8.com/2026/09/10/dollar-general-literacy-foundation-grants-fund-books-technology-local-schools/>.

Arkansas Rural Health Partnership continues network expansion and programming focused on rural access. Arkansas Business, 2026.

GOVERNANCE AND PARTNERSHIPS

Point to local calendars and board schedules in each region table below. Review registered agent and principal office information as part of ongoing good-standing maintenance with the Arkansas Secretary of State. Arkansas Secretary of State, Little Rock, 2026,

<https://www.sos.arkansas.gov/business-commercial-services-bcs/nonprofit-charitable-entities>.

RISK AND LIABILITY REDUCTION

Arkansas requires most employers with three or more employees to secure workers' compensation coverage. Certain limited exemptions exist for agricultural laborers, domestic workers, and some nonprofit or religious workers under specific conditions. Arkansas Code and related guidance, 2025–2026.

The National Council on Compensation Insurance proposed a –9.8 percent decrease to the current loss costs for the voluntary market and assigned risk market rates, effective July 1, 2026. National Council on Compensation Insurance, 2026,

https://www.ncci.com/Articles/Documents/II_StateAdvisoryForumState_AR_2026.pdf.

Cambia Health Solutions' affiliation with Arkansas Blue Cross and Blue Shield received regulatory approval, with the affiliation expected to close in the fall of 2026. Healthcare Dive, 2026, <https://www.healthcaredive.com/news/cambia-arkansas-bcbs-affiliation-moves-ahead/829761/>.

TELLING THE STORY

Focus external communications on verified service delivery metrics and community need indicators such as the ALICE Threshold data when describing local impact. United For ALICE, 2026, <https://unitedforalice.org/key-findings/arkansas>.

WELLNESS AND REST

Directors are encouraged to build recovery time into schedules during periods of elevated heat and ongoing operational demands. Monitor personal and staff capacity as heat indexes remain high according to National Weather Service forecasts. National Weather Service, 2026.

NORTHWEST REGION CONNECT TABLE

Quiet this week in this region. Review local board calendars and any municipal or county notices for upcoming deadlines.

NORTHEAST REGION CONNECT TABLE

Quiet this week in this region beyond the literacy grant awards noted under People and Delivery. Review local board calendars.

CENTRAL REGION CONNECT TABLE

Quiet this week in this region. Review local board calendars and Arkansas Department of Human Services county office notices.

SOUTHWEST REGION CONNECT TABLE

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SOUTHEAST REGION CONNECT TABLE

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WHAT TO WATCH

Community Assistance Grant Program award announcements expected in early Fall 2026. Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Little Rock, 2026,
<https://www.arkansasedc.com/community-resources/community-assistance-grant-program>.

Continued monitoring of ARHOME waiver status and any related Department of Human Services guidance. Arkansas Center for Health Improvement / Arkansas Department of Human Services, 2026.

Heat conditions through the remainder of the week. National Weather Service, 2026.

FOR DIRECTORS THIS WEEK

Confirm that the August 1 annual report filing with the Arkansas Secretary of State is complete and that charitable annual financial reports are on track relative to fiscal year end. Review any pending state contract or payment documentation with the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Check insurance certificates, especially workers' compensation, against current headcount. Scan regional calendars for board or partner meetings. Prepare for possible Community Assistance Grant Program award notices later in the fall.

THIS WEEK'S CONCEPT

Directors carry dual responsibility for compliance and for the people their organizations serve. The annual report to the Arkansas Secretary of State and the charitable financial report are not simply administrative tasks; they preserve the legal capacity of the organization to continue its work. At the same time, data such as the ALICE Threshold figures show that a substantial share of Arkansas households operate with limited margin. When directors align routine filings, contract administration, and insurance review with clear external communication about verified need and measured outcomes, the organization maintains both its standing and its credibility. Consistency in these quiet operational disciplines supports longer-term stability more reliably

than reactive responses to isolated opportunities. This week offers a natural pause to confirm that the foundational filings and coverages are current before the next cycle of funding announcements and seasonal demands arrives.

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Arkansas Economic Development Commission / Governor’s Office, Little Rock, 2026, <https://www.arkansasedc.com/community-resources/community-assistance-grant-program> and https://governor.arkansas.gov/news_post/applications-open-for-2026-community-assistance-grant-program-on-july-1/.
Arkansas Department of Human Services, Little Rock, various 2024–2026 notices and procurement pages.
National Weather Service, multiple forecast offices, September 2026.
National Council on Compensation Insurance, 2026.
Arkansas Center for Health Improvement, Little Rock, 2026.
Additional primary pages from sos.arkansas.gov, dfa.arkansas.gov, humanservices.arkansas.gov, arkansasedc.com, governor.arkansas.gov, weather.gov, and arkleg.state.ar.us as referenced above.