

WORK REQUIREMENT IMPACT ON HMP: AN INTERNAL MICHIGAN ANALYSIS OF THE MANATT REPORT

Recently, Manatt, a national provider of professional and legal services, released a report on the potential impact that the work requirements could have on the Healthy Michigan Plan (HMP) using comparison of similar work requirements in Arkansas. In that report, Manatt predicted that anywhere from 61,000 to 183,000 HMP beneficiaries would lose coverage as a result of implementing work requirements in Michigan. In its own analysis of the conclusions provided in the Manatt report, Center for Civil Justice (CCJ) has determined that:

- Since Michigan will subject **16 times as many people** as Arkansas to reporting requirements, the resulting coverage loss could even **exceed Manatt's predictions** due to system stressors and potential administrative errors.
- More than **200,000 Michiganders** could lose coverage.
- Many individuals who are **working or should be exempt will lose coverage due to reporting failures**.
- Michiganders will face unique **obstacles** in their **attempts to comply** with the HMP work requirements.
- The high degree of **uncertainty** as to enrollment impact reflects **insufficient preparation by the state**.

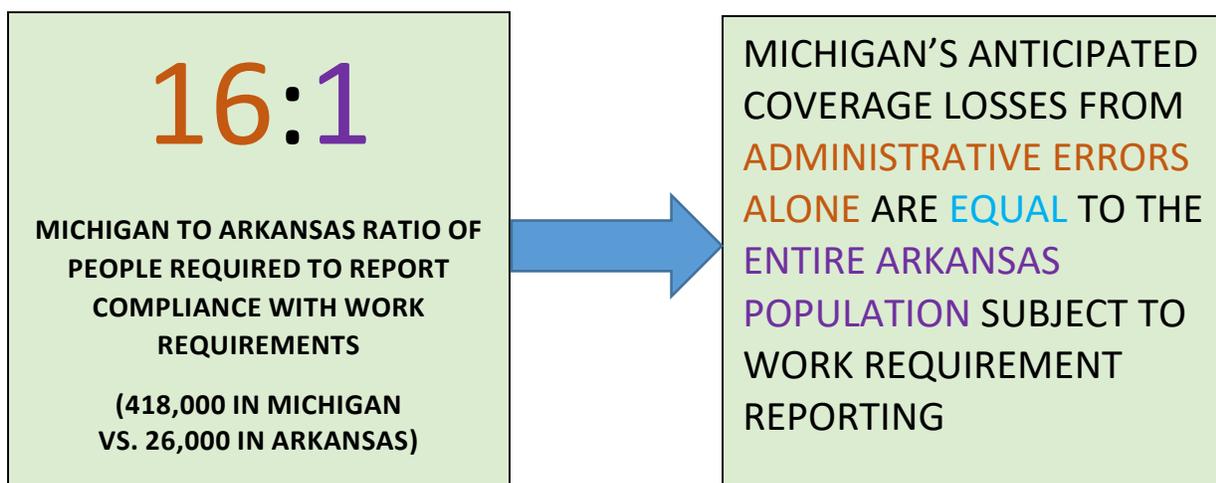
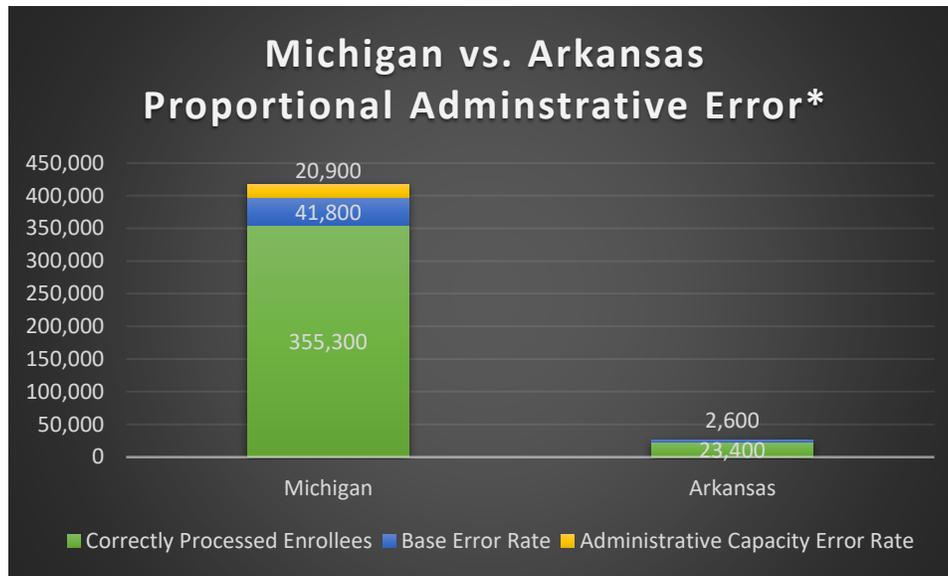


ILLUSTRATION OF ERROR MAGNIFICATION RESULTING FROM LARGER MICHIGAN REPORTING POPULATION



*The above graph illustrates the relative potential impact of a 10 percent rate of error on Michigan's reporting population as compared to that of Arkansas, reflected in blue. Due to the immensely larger population subject to reporting in Michigan, it is likely that there will also be administrative errors, represented by a five percent figure reflected in yellow.

- Errors can result from simple [typographical mistakes](#) or even a [poor internet connection](#).
- Administrative errors can result from the sheer [administrative burden of processing](#) so many monthly reports. For example, the MI Bridges website might be temporarily unavailable due to high traffic.
- The Bridges [computer system is already replete with problems](#) in processing new cases and data entry—work requirement reporting represents an [additional step where things can go wrong](#).

MICHIGAN'S UNIQUE CHALLENGES

TRANSPORTATION

- *Most of the state, especially the [Upper Peninsula and the Thumb](#), has [no access](#) to public transportation
- *Public transportation systems are entirely [concentrated around urban centers](#)
- *Rural transportation service areas are [virtually nonexistent](#)

CHILD CARE

- *Michigan's income limit for its child care subsidy is the [lowest in the nation](#)
- *Two adults [working full time](#) at minimum wage are [not eligible](#)
- *Staying home to care for a child will result in [loss of coverage](#)
- *The expense of child care [defeats the purpose of working](#)