

How Arkansas Benefits



**BETTER CARE
BETTER JOBS ACT**

S. 2210



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IN ARKANSAS TODAY:

- There are over 518,000 people with disabilities¹
- There are over 524,000 people ages 65 and older²



THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR

More than 2,000 family caregivers in
Arkansas to return to work³

The Better Care Better Jobs Act
Invests in Cost-Effective Services

Cost of Home Care Per Person/Per Year	Cost of Congregate Care Per Person/Per Year
\$26,000 ⁴	\$90,000 ⁵



OVER 3,100 PEOPLE IN ARKANSAS ARE ON WAITING LISTS FOR SERVICES⁶

The Better Care Better Jobs Act would
provide over 6,100 more seniors and
people with disabilities with needed
services in Arkansas⁷

THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT WOULD CREATE

Almost 1,000 new home care jobs in Arkansas and raise wages for
care workers—the median wage is under \$11 per hour⁸



MORE THAN 3 IN 4 AMERICANS SUPPORT THE BETTER CARE BETTER JOBS ACT

- 79 percent support funding service expansions
- 79 percent support paying home care workers competitive wages⁹



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