

Arkansas releases long-awaited Medicaid RFPs

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Arkansas' Department of Human Services (DHS) released the long-awaited requests for proposals (RFPs) for its replacement Medicaid management information system (MMIS), called the Arkansas Medicaid Enterprise (AME). Four individual RFPs were released for the AME MMIS [core system](#), [decision support system \(DSS\)](#), [pharmacy services](#), and [project management office \(PMO\)](#), with proposal submission deadlines ranging from January 8, 2013, for the PMO, to February 26, 2013, for the core system.

The intended completion date of the MMIS replacement project is December 2016. Hewlett-Packard (HP) Enterprise Solutions, formally EDS, holds the existing MMIS contract, which is set to expire in December 2015, but "will remain in full operation until an agreed-upon extension approval date by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)." DMS previously released multiple iterations of the procurement strategy and [MMIS RFPs](#) (all of which were canceled) prior to releasing the final procurement strategy that was used to develop these four RFPs.