



# THE ARKANSAS PRIVATE OPTION: Then vs. Now

There were lofty promises made when Arkansas adopted the private option. Fast forward eight years and **none of those promises have come into fruition.**

	THEN	NOW
Insurers in the marketplace <sup>1</sup>	Six	<u>Two</u>
Premiums <sup>2</sup>	Third lowest in the country	More than <u>doubled</u> , growing 22% faster than national average
Medicaid's percent of the budget <sup>3</sup>	21%	<u>29%</u>
State-only Medicaid spending <sup>4</sup>	\$1.3 billion	<u>\$1.8 billion</u>
Total Medicaid spending <sup>5</sup>	\$4.5 billion	<u>\$7.4 billion</u>
Total annual private option cost <sup>6</sup>	\$781 million	<u>\$1.5 billion, a 90% increase</u>
Health outcomes <sup>7</sup>	49th	<u>47th</u>
Percentage of population on Medicaid <sup>8</sup>	21%	<u>26%</u>



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