

**ARKANSAS**  
(no State Chapter)

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**Essential Health Benefits:**

Weight Loss Programs Excluded  
Bariatric Surgery Excluded

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