

**REPORT OF THE
HOSPITAL, MEDICAID, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

March 20, 2026

Senator Ben Gilmore and Representative Les Eaves, Co-Chairs:

The Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee met Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Arkansas Development Council in Benton, to hear testimony on community-centered strategies to overcome transportation barriers affecting workforce participation.

In addition, the Subcommittee met on Monday, March 2, 2026, to discuss the final report provided by Georgia Center for Opportunity and **approved** a motion made by Representative Beck to engage WorkEd Consulting, LLC. The motion was seconded by Senator Sullivan and carried by voice vote.

On Monday, March 16, 2026, the Subcommittee met again to discuss the following items:

1. Overview of Department of Human Services (DHS) Hospital Spending; and
2. Update on Reimbursement Rates Under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver by DHS.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Jane English and Representative Mary Bentley