



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

February 28, 2025

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendments to SB36, the 2025-2026 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES – STATE OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(13)	L009C	NURSE MANAGER	40 <u>11</u>	GRADE MP03
(18)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	121 <u>125</u>	GRADE MP01
(33)	G027N	DHS RESEARCH ANALYSIS MANAGER	1 <u>2</u>	GRADE GS11
(38)	G099C	DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	12 <u>13</u>	GRADE GS09
(X)	<u>M023C</u>	<u>SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM COORD</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE GS07</u>
(71)	G210C	DHS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	6 <u>7</u>	GRADE GS06
(72)	G198C	DHS/DAAS PROGRAM SPECIALIST	3 <u>7</u>	GRADE GS06

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(X) R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE GS06</u>
(X) L070C HEALTH CARE ANALYST		<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE GS05</u>
(102) C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	<u>38</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>GRADE GS04</u>
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,163	<u>1,179</u>	

This request will incorporate position transfers that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first and second Reallocation of Resource Requests of Fiscal Year 2025, along with transferring positions related to the Independent Choices Program that will be moved from the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	<u>\$57,562,277</u>
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>24,348,646</u>
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(A) OPER. EXPENSE	<u>28,632,158</u>
	(C) PROF. FEES	<u>9,460,828</u>
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	<u>0</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$131,662,434</u>

This request provides for the reallocated position changes and reflects appropriation accordingly. This request will also incorporate appropriation transfers that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first and second Reallocation of Resource Requests of Fiscal Year 2025.

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - AGING AND ADULT SERVICES – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(02)	NUTRITION PROGRAMS	<u>25,490,328</u>
(04)	PROJECT GRANTS	<u>17,447,582</u>
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$58,867,600</u>

Please amend SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION – PATIENT BENEFITS – CASH as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01)	PATIENT BENEFIT FUND	\$34,676 <u>\$70,000</u>

Please amend SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION – MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01)	MENTAL HEALTH GRANTS AND AID	\$50,477,554 <u>\$47,553,171</u>

Please amend SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION – ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01)	EDUCATION/PREVENTION/ TREATMENT	\$59,666,991 <u>\$49,666,991</u>

These requests will incorporate appropriation transfers that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first Reallocation of Resource Request of Fiscal Year 2025.

Immediately following SECTION 12, please insert the following and renumber accordingly:

SECTION XX. APPROPRIATION – INDEPENDENT CHOICES GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services – Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2025-2026
(01)	<u>INDEPENDENT CHOICES GRANTS AND AID</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>

This request will transfer the Independent Choices Program from the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance for optimal program performance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Sanders". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sarah" and the last name "Sanders" clearly distinguishable.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of

Arkansas

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Regular Session, 2025
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 36

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT,
AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL
YEAR.

Amendment No. ____ to Senate Bill 36

Amend Senate Bill 36 as originally introduced:

On page 2, line 10, delete "10" and insert "11"

AND

On page 2, line 15, delete "121" and insert "125"

AND

On page 2, line 30, delete "1" and insert "2"

AND

On page 2, line 35, delete "12" and insert "13"

AND

On page 3, immediately following line 26, insert the following:

"(65.1) M023C SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM COORD 1 GRADE GS07"

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AND

On page 3, line 32, delete "6" and insert "7"

AND

On page 3, line 33, delete "3" and insert "7"

AND

On page 4, immediately following line 14, insert the following:

"(89.1) RO27C BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
(89.2) L070C HEALTH CARE ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05"

AND

On page 4, line 27, delete "38" and insert "39"

AND

On page 5, line 26, delete "1,163" and insert "1,179"

AND

On page 6, line 11, delete "\$57,562,277" and insert "\$58,451,995"

AND

On page 6, line 13, delete "24,348,646" and insert "24,682,047"

AND

On page 6, line 16, delete "28,632,158" and insert "41,332,158"

AND

On page 6, line 18, delete "9,460,828" and insert "11,460,828"

AND

On page 6, line 19, delete "0" and insert "900,000"

AND

On page 6, line 21, delete "\$131,662,434" and insert "\$148,485,553"

AND

On page 6, line 34, delete "25,490,328" and insert "22,790,328"

AND

On page 6, line 36, delete "17,447,582" and insert "17,436,641"

AND

On page 7, line 3, delete "\$58,867,600" and insert "\$56,156,659"

AND

On page 7, line 25, delete "\$34,676" and insert "\$70,000"

AND

On page 7, line 36, delete "\$50,477,554" and insert "\$47,553,171"

AND

On page 8, line 11, delete "\$59,666,991" and insert "\$49,666,991"

AND

On page 9, immediately following Section 12, insert the following:

" SECTION 13. APPROPRIATION - INDEPENDENT CHOICES GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
<u>NO.</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
(01) INDEPENDENT CHOICES GRANTS AND AID	<u>\$400,000"</u>

AND

Appropriately renumber subsequent section numbers of the bill.

The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

By: JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Secretary