

ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
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Act, §	Description of Act	Rule Name and Cite	Rule change needed	Action
142, § 1	Regulates vision benefit managers, establishes minimum reimbursement thresholds, and adds several new prohibited practices to the Vision Care Plan Act of 2015.	Vision Care Plan Coverage, 23 CAR pt 142	Amend current rule to comply with Act, define terms undefined in the Act, and clarify reimbursement requirements and recoupment provision.	Draft rule undergoing approval process
349, § 1	Repeals the requirement that a plan administrator and personnel of the Arkansas Workers' Compensation Insurance Plan have an office in Arkansas.	Arkansas Worker's Compensation Insurance Plan Rule, 23 CAR pt 203	Amend rule to remove the Arkansas office mandate and modernize rule in accordance with industry request.	Draft rule undergoing approval process
425, § 5	Creates the Pharmacy Nondiscrimination Act. Prohibits a PBM from denying a pharmacy the opportunity to participate in the PBM's network if the pharmacy has an Arkansas license and agrees to accept "relevant and reasonable terms of participation."	Pharmacy Benefits Managers Rule, 23 CAR pt 146	Amend rule to include a hearing process for disputes relating to pharmacy participation in pharmacy benefits manager networks.	Amended rule in draft phase

427, § 2	Creates the Strengthen Arkansas Homes program through which Arkansas consumers may apply for grants to fortify their owner-occupied residences against damage from catastrophic wind events and hail.	N/A	Act requires AID to adopt rules for construction standards and eligibility requirements for receipt of funds.	New rule in draft phase
514, § 4	Amends the Arkansas Pharmacy Benefits Manager Licensure Act to define and prohibit "unfair and deceptive acts or practices."	Pharmacy Benefits Managers Rule, 23 CAR pt 146	Amend rule to establish timelines for complaints and appeals.	Amended rule in draft phase
633, § 2	Amends the Arkansas Pharmacy Benefits Manager Licensure Act so that initial and renewal application fees for a PBM license will be \$20,000.	Pharmacy Benefits Managers Rule, 23 CAR pt 146	Amend rule to include updated licensing fees.	Amended rule in draft phase
772, § 3	Prohibits a health benefit plan from providing coverage for a human organ transplant or post-transplant care if the transplant was done in China or a country known to participate in forced organ harvesting.	N/A	Act requires AID to promulgate rules for implementation.	Meeting with sponsor to discuss enforcement
773, § 1	Requires AID to establish a program regulating pharmacy services administrative organizations (PSAOs).	Pharmacy Benefits Manager Rule, 23 CAR pt 146	Amend rule to add licensing fees, application	Amended rule in draft phase
775, § 5	Establishes prohibited PBM contracting practices and adds new penalties for violations of the PBM Licensure Act.	Pharmacy Benefits Manager Rule, 23 CAR pt 146	Amend rule to add penalties.	Amended rule in draft phase

859, §§ 3, 4	Creates the Reproductive Empowerment and Support Through Optimal Restoration (RESTORE) Act. The Act requires a healthcare insurer to cover restorative reproductive medicine, which is a scientific approach to reproductive medicine that seeks to cooperate with or restore the normal physiology and anatomy of the human reproductive system without the use of methods that are inherently suppressive, circumventive, or destructive to natural human functions.	In Vitro Fertilization, 23 CAR pt 80	Amend rule to establish minimum and maximum levels of coverage for restorative reproductive medicine, after conducting appropriate studies and public hearings.	AID is surveying providers and insurers to determine minimum and maximum levels of coverage for restorative reproductive medicine before it begins rulemaking.
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