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RE: Acts of the 2025 Session Requiring Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Miller-Rice,

Please allow this letter and attachment to serve as an update for the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) regarding Acts requiring agency rulemaking. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: 2025 Act Implementation Report

ACT	TITLE	DETAILS	NEW, AMEND, OR REPEAL	STATUS	CAR Citation	DIVISION/OFFICE
103	Physical Therapy in a Clinic Setting	Requires Medicaid to reimburse for physical therapy in a clinic setting.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	TBD	DMS
105	Long-Term CareTraining Act Updates	Updates definitions, time periods, and other training for long-term care aides.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	TBD	DPSQA, Office of Long-Term Care
124 & 140	Pregnant Presumptive Eligibility	This rule added presumptive eligibility for pregnant women as a Medicaid Service category.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/25	20 CAR 500, 570, and 600	DCO/DMS
140, 435, 627, & 965	Maternal Health Providers	Implements mandated coverage and reimbursement for self-measurement blood pressure monitoring services for pregnant women and postpartum women and continuous glucose monitoring, and establishes two new provider types, doulas and lactation consultants.	NEW and AMEND	Promulgated effective 9/1/25	20 CAR 570, 641, and 652	DMS
139, 499, 744 and 824	To Amend the Division of Children and Family Services Policy and Procedure Manual	Amends residency requirements for adoption of a minor (139); updates position titles within DCFS (499); eliminates interlocutory decree adoptions (744); and updates resource parent continuing education units (824).	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	9 CAR 40	DCFS
144	PACE Manual Updates	Exempts providers in the Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly from the licensing requirements for home healthcare services.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 9/1/25	20 CAR 640	DAABHS
301	Marketing Activities by Managed Care Network Providers	Clarifies marketing by providers under the medicaid provider-led organized care act.	NEW	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	20 CAR Part 707 (new)	DHS

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348	1915(c) Waiver for Acquired Brain Injuries	Requires new 1915(c) Waiver and manual updates to comply with the Act. Act mandates coverage for acquired brain injury; need to apply for a waiver or add this population to an existing waiver program to allow a beneficiary under the Arkansas Medicaid Program to have the appropriate home and community-based services to meet the beneficiary's needs.	NEW and AMEND	Working with stakeholders and awaiting internal and Governor Approval	TBD	DDS
431	Signature authority for Durable Medical Equipment Including Diabetic Shoes and Shoe Inserts	Updates to the Prosthetics rules to allow advanced practice registered nurses and physician assistants to authorize diabetic shoes and inserts for Medicaid beneficiaries.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 10/1/26	20 CAR Part 641	DMS
435	Community Health Workers	To comply with the Community Health Worker Act and establish a statewide certification of community health workers.	AMEND	Governor Approval Pending	TBD	DMS
482	Physician Assistants as Primary Care Providers	Medicaid will recognize Physician Assistants as Primary Care Providers.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 11/1/26	TBD	DMS
515, 635, & 772	Adverse Decisions	Implements changes to the Medicaid Fairness Act as amended by Acts 515 and 635, and prohibits certain human organ transplants instituted by Act 772.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	20 CAR 570, 600, & 642	DMS

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556	Medicaid Service Delivery in Mobile Units	Covers healthcare services provided in mobile units.	AMEND	Public Comment 10/23/26 to 11/21/26	TBD	DMS
567	Diagnostic Laboratory Services Annual Cap Change for Chronic Pain and Pain Management (January 1, 2026)	Amends the annual cap for diagnostic laboratory services within the Arkansas Medicaid Program	AMEND	State plan amendment pending with CMS; next steps being discussed	20 CAR 570, 604, 610, 613, 624, 631, 636	DMS
1025	Dental Rates Increase	Increases rates for specific dental services.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	TBD	DMS
568, 967, and 1025	Sedation Dentistry and Limits Increase	Increase to the annual reimbursement limit for certain dental services, allows PASSE's to reimburse for sedation, and ensures that Arkansas Medicaid reimburses for dental and anesthesia costs in high complexity oral health care.	AMEND	Public Comment 10/23/26 to 11/21/26	TBD	DMS
623 & 857	Continuous Glucose Monitors Billing Amendment	Updates coverage and billing for continuous glucose monitors.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 9/1/25	20 CAR 570 and 641	DMS
625 and 853	Personal Care and Ark. Independent Assessment Provider Manuals	Removes the certification process of the Department of Human Services from licensure as a private care agency.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 9/1/25	20 CAR 607 & 634	DAABHS

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631 and 640	SNAP, TEA, and Work Pays Program Updates	Return to work compliance through volunteering at organizations that receive state funding; and requiring an applicant for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program benefits to engage in job search activities while the application is being processed.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	20 CAR 502 & 503	DCO
632	Arkansas Opportunities to Test Transition-Related Strategies to Support Community Reentry from Institutions for Mental Disease	Implements expanded coverage and services under the Act when authorized and approved by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.	NEW	Waiver approved effective July 25, 2025 and required Implementation Plan submitted to CMS 4/7/26	TBD	OSAMH
634	RSV Admin Fee for Children	Increases the Vaccine for Children (VFC) administration fee for Respiratory Syncytial Virus to 100% of the maximum administration fee of the VFC Program.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	20 CAR 570	DMS
636	Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility Services for Under Age 21	Implement Title 20, Chapter 46, Subchapter 4 of the Arkansas Code, concerning psychiatric residential treatment facilities, which shall include components that ensure quality of care, health and safety of residents and facility staff, and compliance with all educational requirements.	NEW and AMEND	Promulgated effective 10/27/25	20 CAR 417 (new), 651 (new) and 627	MULTIPLE

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774	Community Engagement and Work Requirements	Implements requirements on persons enrolled in ARHome.	TBD	Pilot project started July 1, 2026; ARHome Waiver Renewal submitted to CMS 5/1/26; Rule update approved by Governor; Public Comment period pending	TBD	DCO
824	Minimum Licensing Standards for Child Welfare Agencies for Placement & Residential	Amends and streamlines the training and certification process for foster parents.	AMEND	Public Comment 10/23/26 to 11/21/26	9 CAR 30 and 31	DPSQA
856	Triage, Treat, and Transport Exemptions for Treat in Place	Provides coverage for an ambulance serve to triage, treat and transport a patient to an alternative destingation.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	20 CAR 648	DMS
864	Informal Dispute Resolution	Modifies the informal dispute resolution process for longterm care facilities.	AMEND	Governor Approval Pending	TBD	DPSQA, Office of Long-Term Care

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866	Birthing Centers	Provides coverage for delivery of a newborn in a licensed birthing center.	AMEND	Draft in development with stakeholders; internal approvals pending	TBD	DMS
875	Fictive Kin Addition and Act 875 ABLE Account Age	Update rules to add Fictive Kin as an approved relationship. Update disability age from 26 to 46 for ABLE Accounts per Act 875.	AMEND	Promulgated effective 7/1/26	TBD	DCO
969	To Amend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Manual	Prohibits the purchase of candy and soft drinks with benefits provided through the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.	N/A	Waiver approved June 10, 2025	20 CAR 501	DCO