

**ALC – Personnel Subcommittee Report  
Emergency Review of Requests for Proposals from the  
Department of Transformation and Shared Services,  
Employee Benefits Division  
March 18, 2022**

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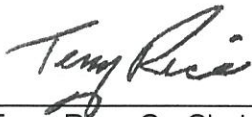
On March 18, 2022, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council along with Senator David Wallace and Representative David Hillman Co-Chairs of the Personnel Subcommittee of Legislative Council, were notified of a request for emergency action to approve two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) from the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services.

The two RFPs will be developed for the procurement of a Medicare Advantage Plan option as well as establishing a Pharmacy Benefits Manager. Both RFPs will be developed with the assistance of the Segal Group, Inc.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, as well as Senator David Wallace and Representative David Hillman, Co-Chairs of the Personnel Subcommittee of Legislative Council, have determined that emergency review and approval of both RFP requests is necessary in order to meet timelines and have services procured and in effect by January 1, 2023.

This action is taken by each of the four Co-Chairs on behalf of the Legislative Council and Personnel Subcommittee of Legislative Council and shall be reported to the Personnel Subcommittee at its next regularly scheduled meeting, in accordance with Rule 16. A copy of the request is attached hereto.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council



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Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council



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Senator David Wallace, Co-Chair  
Personnel Subcommittee,  
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Representative David Hillman, Co-Chair  
Personnel Subcommittee,  
Arkansas Legislative Council



**Department of Transformation and Shared Services**

**Governor Asa Hutchinson  
Secretary Amy Fecher  
Director Jake Bleed**

March 18, 2022

The Honorable Terry Rice, Co-Chair  
The Honorable Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
Room 315, State Capitol Building  
Little Rock, AR 72201

Sen. Rice and Rep. Wardlaw,

This letter is to request your immediate consideration of an issue which requires the approval of the Arkansas Legislative Council but cannot be held until the body's next scheduled meeting.

Acting pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §21-5-404(6)(A), the Arkansas Board of Finance has authorized the development of requests for proposals (RFPs) for the procurement of a Medicare Advantage plan option and a pharmacy-benefits manager. Both services have been requested by the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Transformation and Shared Services. Both RFPs will be developed with the assistance of the Segal Group, Inc., which has been retained to assist in the improvement of the operations of the division.

Additionally, pursuant to Act 1004 of 2021, the actions of the Board of Finance must be approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council. Services procured through the RFPs will become effective January 1, 2023. Given the significant effort required to both procure and implement these services, approval of these RFPs cannot be held until the next meeting of the Arkansas Legislative Council. I therefore ask that you approve the board's decision on an expedited basis pursuant to Rule 16 of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Fecher".

Amy Fecher

**Employee Benefits Division**

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