



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 2, 2023

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 SB54, the 2023-2024 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:

Item Class				Maximum Annual	
No.	Code	Title		Salary Rate	
			Maximum No. of Employees	Fiscal Year 2023-2024	
(17)	L038C	REGISTERED NURSE	88	<u>121</u>	GRADE MP01
(18)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE- HOSPITAL	64	<u>28</u>	GRADE MP01

This request will reclassify thirty-three (33) Registered Nurse- Hospital positions to Registered Nurse positions. The Division is able to recruit and retain qualified applicants utilizing the Registered Nurse title.

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

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2023-2024
(05)	MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
	(D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
		<u>340,135</u>
(06)	FOSTER GRANDPARENT	340,135

This request will reallocate appropriation from the Foster Grandparent line to Capital Outlay. Funding for the Foster Grandparent program has been discontinued.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders