



GL #12

**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 SB53, the 2023-2024 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services.

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

Item Class			Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2023-2024
(13)	D068C	INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	2 <u>1</u>	GRADE IT04
(20)	D026N	DHS ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM	1	GRADE GS13
		PROGRAM MGR		
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	98	<u>96</u>

This request will incorporate position changes that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first and second Reallocation of Resources Requests of Fiscal Year 2023.

Please delete SECTION 11. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT and renumber accordingly.

This request will remove SECTION 11 as the court decision in Pediatric Specialty Care, Inc. v. Arkansas Department of Human Services has been superseded and the Child Health Management Services program has been replaced by the Early Intervention Day Treatment program, rendering the attempted codification of this section moot.

Please delete SECTION 12. SPECIAL LANGUAGE - CODE AMENDMENT and renumber accordingly.

This request will remove SECTION 12 as the language is currently in an existing Department of Human Services rule. Any changes to the Personal Care Program, including rates, are made through promulgated rule. Codification would restrict the ability of the Department of Human Services to respond to Federal requirements, make rate adjustments, or provide for other programmatic needs other than during a legislative session.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Sanders", written in a cursive style.

Sarah Huckabee Sanders