



**GL #13**

**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 SB51, the 2023-2024 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services - Division of Developmental Disabilities Services.

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

| Item Class |       | Title                    | Maximum<br>No. of<br>Employees | Maximum Annual<br>Salary Rate<br>Fiscal Year |            |
|------------|-------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|
| No.        | Code  |                          |                                | 2023-2024                                    |            |
| (13)       | L038C | REGISTERED NURSE         | 59                             | <u>69</u>                                    | GRADE MP01 |
| (68)       | L069C | LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE | <del>114</del>                 | <u>104</u>                                   | GRADE GS06 |

This request will reclassify ten (10) Licensed Practical Nurse positions to Registered Nurse. As the demand for health services increases, this is necessary for the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services to provide a higher quality of care as the job functions related to Registered Nurses add additional education and expertise.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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