

Public Comment

Arkansas Legislative Committee on Public Health, Welfare and Labor
Monday, May 4, 2020

Comments pertain to both Agenda Items J & K:
Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Health Facility Services, Review of Rule which changes the requirements of the Home Health and Private Care Agencies to comply with Act 811 of 2019

Comments submitted by the Act 811 Advisory Rule Working Group
Luke Mattingly, Working Group Chair

The Working Group supports the rules as presented and believe the revisions meet the intent of the Act 811.

The Working Group met diligently from July through September of 2019 and worked closely with Health Facilities Services to provide recommendations and review each section of the rules. Input was provided by all members of the Group and consensus was reached on all changes cumulating in a unanimous decision to support the presented rules.

The Group would like to take this opportunity to thank the Legislature, the Administration and the Department of Health for addressing the need to update the proposed rules. Further, we thank Representative Clint Penzo for his keen interest in the topic and his support throughout the process and Senator Sample for sponsoring the initial legislation. Also, we are appreciative of Health Facility Services for their attentiveness, guidance and responsiveness in working with the group.