

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF PROVIDER SERVICES & QUALITY ASSURANCE

SUBJECT: Behavioral Health Agency Certification Manual Update Pursuant to Act 760

DESCRIPTION:

Statement of Necessity

This rule implements the requirements of Act 760. Act 760 allows outpatient behavioral health agencies to co-locate with other facility types.

Rule Summary

The Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance updates the Behavioral Health Agency Certification Manual by amending the definition of “site” to include adjunct and collocated sites such as schools, a daycare facility, a long-term care facility, or the office or clinic of a physician or psychologist. DPSQA also updates website information with hyperlinks to the appropriate webpage.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public hearing was held on this proposed rule. The public comment period expired on April 9, 2022. The agency indicated that it received no public comments.

The proposed effective date is June 1, 2022.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The agency indicated that this rule has no financial impact.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION: The Department of Human Services has the responsibility to administer assigned forms of public assistance and is specifically authorized to maintain an indigent medical care program (Arkansas Medicaid). *See* Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-76-201(1), 20-77-107(a)(1). The Department has the authority to make rules that are necessary or desirable to carry out its public assistance duties. Ark. Code Ann. § 20-76-201(12). The Department and its divisions also have the authority to promulgate rules as necessary to conform their programs to federal law and receive federal funding. Ark. Code Ann. § 25-10-129(b).

This rule implements Act 760 of 2021. The Act, sponsored by Representative Lee Johnson, authorized colocation for outpatient behavioral health agencies.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES WITH THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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PRESENTER E-MAIL Martina.Smith@dhs.arkansas.gov

INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Please make copies of this form for future use.
- B. Please answer each question **completely** using layman terms. You may use additional sheets, if necessary.
- C. If you have a method of indexing your rules, please give the proposed citation after "Short Title of this Rule" below.
- D. Submit two (2) copies of this questionnaire and financial impact statement attached to the front of two (2) copies of the proposed rule and required documents. Mail or deliver to:

Rebecca Miller-Rice
Administrative Rules Review Section
Arkansas Legislative Council Bureau
of Legislative Research One Capitol
Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

- Behavioral Health Agency Certification Manual Update pursuant to Act 760
- 1. What is the short title of this rule? Act 760
 - 2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? See attached.
 - 3. Is this rule required to comply with a federal statute, rule, or regulation? Yes No
If yes, please provide the federal rule, regulation, and/or statute citation. _____
 - 4. Was this rule filed under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act?
Yes No
If yes, what is the effective date of the emergency rule? N/A
When does the emergency rule expire? N/A
Will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act? Yes No

5. Is this a new rule? Yes _____ No If yes, please provide a brief summary explaining the rule.

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes _____ No If yes, a copy of the repealed rule is to be included with your completed questionnaire. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please provide a summary of the rule giving an explanation of what the rule does.

Is this an amendment to an existing rule? Yes _____ No If yes, please attach a mark-up showing the changes in the existing rule and a summary of the substantive changes. **Note: The summary should explain what the amendment does, and the mark-up copy should be clearly labeled "mark-up."**

See attached

6. Cite the state law that grants the authority for this proposed rule? If codified, please give the Arkansas Code citation.

Arkansas Code §§ 20-10-203, 20-10-705, 20-76-201, 20-77-107, and 25-10-129; Act 760 of the 93rd General Assembly of 2021.

7. What is the purpose of this proposed rule? Why is it necessary?

See attached.

8. Please provide the address where this rule is publicly accessible in electronic form via the Internet as required by Arkansas Code § 25-19-108(b).

<https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/do-business-with-dhs/proposed-rules/>

9. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes _____ No
If yes, please complete the following:

Date: N/A

Time: _____

Place: _____

10. When does the public comment period expire for permanent promulgation? (Must provide a date.)

April 9, 2022

11. What is the proposed effective date of this proposed rule? (Must provide a date.)

June 1, 2022

12. Please provide a copy of the notice required under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(a), and proof of the publication of said notice. See attached.

13. Please provide proof of filing the rule with the Secretary of State as required pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e). See attached.

14. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you expect to comment on these rules? Please provide their position (for or against) if known.

Unknown.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

DEPARTMENT Department of Human Services
DIVISION Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance/Shared Services
PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT Rhonda Williams
TELEPHONE NO. (501) 683-6411 **FAX NO.** _____ **EMAIL:** Rhonda.E.Williams@dhs.arkans

To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE Behavioral Health Agency Certification Manual Update

- 1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact?
Yes _____ No X

- 2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule?
Yes X No _____

- 3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes X No _____

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

- (a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;
N/A

- (b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;
N/A

- (c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and
N/A

- (d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority, and if so, please explain.
N/A

- 4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

- (a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

<u>Current Fiscal Year</u>		<u>Next Fiscal Year</u>	
General Revenue	<u>0</u>	General Revenue	<u>0</u>
Federal Funds	<u>0</u>	Federal Funds	<u>0</u>
Cash Funds	<u>0</u>	Cash Funds	<u>0</u>
Special Revenue	<u>0</u>	Special Revenue	<u>0</u>

Other (Identify) _____ 0
 Total _____ 0

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(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____ 0
 Federal Funds _____ 0
 Cash Funds _____ 0
 Special Revenue _____ 0
 Other (Identify) _____ 0
 Total _____ 0

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____ 0
 Federal Funds _____ 0
 Cash Funds _____ 0
 Special Revenue _____ 0
 Other (Identify) _____ 0
 Total _____ 0

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year

\$ _____ 0

Next Fiscal Year

\$ _____ 0

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

Current Fiscal Year

\$ _____ 0

Next Fiscal Year

\$ _____ 0

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes _____ No X

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously

with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

(1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;

N/A

(2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;

N/A

(3) a description of the factual evidence that:

(a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and

(b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;

N/A

(4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;

N/A

(5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;

N/A

(6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and

N/A

(7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:

(a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;

(b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and

(c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.

N/A

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rules under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§ 20-10-203, 20-10-705, 20-76-201, 20-77-107, and 25-10-129.

Effective June 1, 2022:

The Director of the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance amends the Behavioral Health Agency Certification Manual Rule to comply with Act 760 of the 93rd General Assembly. Act 760 allows outpatient behavioral health agencies to co-locate with other facility types, including adjunct and collocated sites such as schools, day care facilities, long-term care facilities, or the office or clinic of a physician or psychologist. DPSQA also updates website information with hyperlinks to the appropriate webpage.

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download the proposed rule at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/do-business-with-dhs/proposed-rules/>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov. All public comments must be received by DHS no later than **April 9, 2022**. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the Office of Rules Promulgation at 501-534-4138.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services is in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act and is operated, managed, and delivers services without regard to religion, disability, political affiliation, veteran status, age, race, color, or national origin. **4502035775**



Martina Smith, Director
Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance

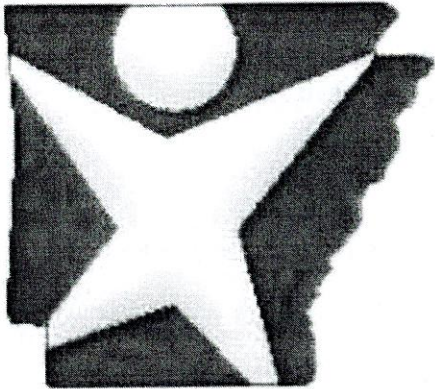
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Revised: 7/1/17

6/1/22

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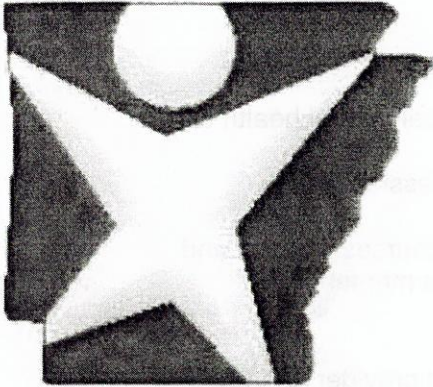
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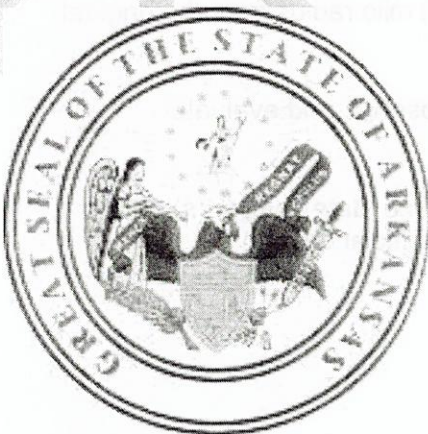


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Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
Act 760 of the Regular Session

1 State of Arkansas
2 93rd General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2021

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1682

4
5 By: Representative L. Johnson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COLOCATION FOR OUTPATIENT
9 BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES; AND FOR OTHER
10 PURPOSES.
11

Subtitle

12 TO AUTHORIZE COLOCATION FOR OUTPATIENT
13 BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE AGENCIES.
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 46, Subchapter 1, is
21 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

22 20-46-107. Colocation for outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies -
23 Legislative findings.

24 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

25 (1) Sites for outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies have
26 been prohibited from being adjunct to or colocated with non-behavioral
27 healthcare services or facilities;

28 (2) Integrated care is best practice and should be the standard
29 set in this state; and

30 (3) It would be advantageous for a client's health if outpatient
31 behavioral health services were colocated with primary care services or
32 facilities.

33 (b) Outpatient behavioral healthcare agencies may be certified when
34 adjunct to or colocated with non-behavioral healthcare services or facilities
35 such as a school, a day care facility, a long-term care facility, or the
36 office or clinic of a physician or psychologist.

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