

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Wednesday, September 30, 2020

1:30 PM

Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair
Sen. David Wallace, Vice-Chair
Sen. Bill Sample
Sen. Ronald Caldwell
Sen. Jimmy Hickey, Jr
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. Kim Hammer

Rep. Jack Ladyman, Chair
Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Fredrick J. Love
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Josh Miller
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. John Payton
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Michelle Gray

Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Justin Boyd
Rep. Karilyn Brown
Rep. Austin McCollum
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Clint Penzo
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Lee Johnson

Committee meetings are open to the public. However, there is limited seating due to the social distancing requirements and members of the public shall wear a mask while in the Big Mac Building.

- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
1. Senator Missy Irvin
 2. Representative Jack Ladyman
- C. Consideration to Adopt the September 9, 2020 Meeting Minutes. **[Exhibit C]**
- D. COVID-19 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Allocation **[Exhibit D]**
1. Jean Noble, Director of Grants Management, Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC)
 2. James Hudson, Executive Vice-President Operations and General Counsel, AEDC
 3. Discussion by the Committees
- E. Addition of Waiver Slots for the Community and Employment Supports Waiver Program (Developmental Disabilities Waiver) **[Exhibit E] [Exhibit E-1]**
1. Melissa Stone, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services
 2. Mark White, Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Chief of Staff, Department of Human Services
 3. Discussion by the Committees
- F. Preview of Pilot Launch for the Arkansas Integrated Eligibility System (ARIES) **[Exhibit F]**
1. Mary Franklin, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services
 2. Mark White, Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Chief of Staff, Department of Human Services
 3. Discussion by the Committees

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

Notice: Silence your cell phones. Keep your personal conversations to a minimum. Observe restrictions designating areas as 'Members and Staff Only'.

- G. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule regarding State Plan Amendment (SPA) 2019-0009 Transportation 1-19, Administrative Procedures for the Emergency Medical Transportation Assessment Fee and Access Program. Act 969 of 2017 sought to improve the quality and timeliness of medical transports in Arkansas by establishing an ambulance assessment program by ensuring appropriate reimbursement of emergency medical services. **[Exhibit G]**
1. Mark White, Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs and Chief of Staff, Department of Human Services
 2. Janet Mann, Director, Division of Medical Services
 3. Discussion by the Committees
- H. Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Rules governing the licensure of Interpreters between hearing individuals and individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing or oral deaf. These revisions comply with occupational licensure Acts 426, 820, and 1011 of 2019 and to reduce application and license fees. **[Exhibit H]**
1. Laura Shue, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- I. Arkansas Department of Health. Review of Rules for Free-Standing birthing Centers. These revisions are to comply with Acts 315 and 977 of 2019. Reporting requirements for patients transferred to licensed healthcare facility and added recommended language for TB screening. **[Exhibit I]**
1. Laura Shue, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Health
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- J. Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Rules for Orthotic, Prosthetic, and Pedorthic Providers. These revisions are to comply with occupational licensure Act 315, 820, 990, and 1011 of 2019. **[Exhibit J]**
1. Laura Shue, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Health
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- K. Arkansas Department of Health, Review of Rule Pertaining to Milk Bank Standards. This is a new rule to comply with Act 216 of 2019 by developing standards for transporting, processing, and distributing commercial human breast milk. **[Exhibit K]**
1. Cristy Sellers, Director, Health Advancement Center, Arkansas Department of Health
 2. Laura Shue, General Counsel, Arkansas Department of Health
 3. Discussion by the Committees
- L. Health Services Subcommittee Report
1. Senator Jimmy Hickey and Representative Deborah Ferguson. Chairs of the Subcommittee
 2. Discussion by the Committees
- M. Below are listed Interim Study Proposals (ISPs). The sponsor has been asked to present a brief explanation of their ISP and why it should be adopted for study by the committee. Each ISP will be voted on separately. **[Exhibit M-1] [Exhibit M-2] [Exhibit M-3] [Exhibit M-4] [Exhibit M-5] [Exhibit M-6] [Exhibit M-7] [Exhibit M-8] [Exhibit M-9] [Exhibit M-10]**
1. Interim Study Proposal 2019-001 by Rep. Jim Dotson
Require a Physician to Utilize Treatment Alternatives before Prescribing Opioid.
 2. Interim Study Proposal 2019-006 by Rep. Jim Dotson
Limit Access to a Chiropractic Physician by a Medicaid Recipient.
 3. Interim Study Proposal 2019-160 by Rep. DeAnn Vaught
An Act to Create the Arkansas Legislative Study on Mental and Behavioral Health.
 4. Interim Study Proposal 2019-166 by Rep. Jimmy Gazaway
An Act to Provide for Emergency Medical Care for Injured Police Dogs; and to Prove Immunity.
 5. Interim Study Proposal 2019-167 by Rep. Brandt Smith
An Act to Create the Medical Conscience Protection Act.
 6. Interim Study Proposal 2019-168 by Rep. Justin Gonzales
Study to Role of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse as a Primary Care Provider within the Arkansas. Medicaid Program.

7. Interim Study Proposal 2019-169 by Justin Boyd
Study the Role of Pharmacy Technicians and Methods to Reduce Barriers that may Prevent Pharmacy Technicians from being able to Maximally Assist Pharmacists in the Practice of Pharmacy.
8. Interim Study Proposal 2019-170 by Rep. Clint Penzo
An Act to Amend the Definition of "Practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthesia" by Removing Supervision Requirements; and for other Purposes.
9. Interim Study Proposal 2019-171 by Rep. Dan Sullivan and Rep. Justin Gonzales
An Act to Provide for Opportunities for Patient Choice and Promote Quality of Care as a Requirement for Licensure and Certification as a Provider of early Intervention Day Treatment Services to Children and Nonresidential Services to Adults with Developmental Disabilities; and for other Purposes.
10. Interim Study Proposal 2019-172 by Rep. Lee Johnson
An Act to Authorize Emergency Medical Services Personnel to Administer Certain Emergency Prescription Medications to a Patient who has a Specific Health Condition; To Require Participation in Care Coordination by Emergency Medical Services; To Ensure Appropriate Transport of a Patient who has a Specific Health Condition; and for other Purposes.

N. Other Business

O. Adjournment