

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

Tuesday, July 5, 2022
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Cecile Bledsoe, Chair
Sen. Scott Flippo, Vice-Chair
Sen. Bart Hester
Sen. David Wallace
Sen. Breanne Davis
Sen. Kim Hammer
Sen. Dan Sullivan
Sen. Ben Gilmore

Rep. Jack Ladyman, Chair
Rep. Deborah Ferguson, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Jim Dotson
Rep. Josh Miller
Rep. John Payton
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Michelle Gray

Rep. Justin Gonzales
Rep. Justin Boyd
Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Bruce Coleman
Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Carlton Wing
Rep. Clint Penzo
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Marsh Davis
Rep. Joe Cloud

A. Call to Order

B. Comments by the Chairs

C. Consideration to Approve the May 31, and June 1, 2022, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibits C1-C2]**

D. Arkansas Medicaid Formulary Requirements-Brand Name Requirements **[Exhibit D]**

1. John Vinson, Pharm. D., Chief Operating Officer, Arkansas Pharmacists Association
2. Kyle Lomex, Owner, Southern Pharmacy, Leachville
3. Stephen Hill, Pharm. D., Owner, Southern Pharmacy, Leachville
4. Brandon Cooper, Pharm. D., Soo's Pharmacy, Jonesboro
5. Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal and Legislative Affairs, DHS
6. Elizabeth Pitman, Director of Division of Medical Services, DHS

~~E. Update on Pharmacists Association Request for Funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) **[Exhibit E]**~~

- ~~1. John Vinson, Pharm. D., Chief Operating Officer, Arkansas Pharmacists Association~~
- ~~2. Nicki Hilliard, Pharm. D., Director of Professional Affairs, Arkansas Pharmacists Association~~
- ~~3. Brandon Cooper, Pharm. D., Soo's Pharmacy, Jonesboro~~
- ~~4. Paul S. Louthian, CPA, State Comptroller, Department of Finance and Administration~~

F. Psychiatric Residential Treatment Centers Rate Review Status

1. Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal, and Legislative Affairs, DHS
2. Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS

G. Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality, Review of Rule regarding Arkansas Pollution Control & Ecology Commission Rule 27 which is the Licensing of Operators of Solid Waste Management Facilities and Training and Certification Requirements for Environmental Officers **[Exhibit G]**

1. Michael McAlister, Managing Attorney, Department of Energy and Environment
2. Daniel Pilkington, Senior Attorney, Department of Energy and Environment

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

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- H. Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Review of Rule dealing with ADDT and EIDT Transportation Services. The Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT) Medicaid Provider Manual, the Transportation Medicaid Provider Manual and the Rules for the Division of Developmental Disabilities Early Intervention Day Treatment (EIDT) and Rules for the Division of Developmental Disabilities Adult Developmental Day Treatment are amended to remove EIDT and ADDT transportation services from the Transportation Provider Manual and include them as an optional service within the EIDT Manual and the ADDT Manual, respectively, and to update the reimbursement methodology and rate for EIDT and ADDT transportation services **[Exhibit H]**
1. Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal, and Legislative Affairs, DHS
 2. Melissa Weatherton, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, DHS
- I. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule regarding skilled nursing facility payment methodology. This change is amending the Long-Term Care reimbursement manual to update its payment methodology for skilled nursing facilities. The revisions are necessary due to changes in the skilled nursing facility standards over the past several years **[Exhibit I]**
1. Mark White, Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal, and Legislative Affairs, DHS
 2. Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS
- J. Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions, Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Review of Rules which implement changes to comply with Acts 135, 725, 748, 767, 829, and 968 of 2021 **[Exhibit J]**
1. Matt Gilmore, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, ADH
 2. Charles Carter, MSE, PhD, Director, Board of Examiners in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, ADH
- K. Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Health Facility Services, Review of Rule which establishes minimum standards for licensure of Home Health Agencies and to comply with Act 761 and Act 817 of 2021 **[Exhibit K]**
1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services, ADH
 2. Chuck Thompson, Managing Attorney, ADH
- L. Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Health Facility Services Section, Review of Rule which ensures high quality professional care for terminally ill patients and their families by providing for safe, humane and appropriate palliative care of all admitted to a hospice program and to comply with Act 311 of 2021 **[Exhibit L]**
1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services, ADH
 2. Kirk Gardner, Program Manager, ADH
 3. Chuck Thompson, Managing Attorney, ADH
- M. Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Cosmetology, Body Art & Massage Therapy, Review of Rule which establishes standards to regulate the vocation of massage therapy and to comply with Acts 135, 136, 725, 746, 748, & 811 of 2021 **[Exhibit M]**
1. Kelli Kersey, Section Chief, ADH
 2. Chuck Thompson, Managing Attorney, ADH
- N. Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Center for Health Advancement, Review of Rule which regulates the licensing of interpreters for individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, or Oral Deaf and impose penalties for persons or entities that violate these rules and to comply with Acts 135 and 725 of 2021 **[Exhibit N]**
1. Daisy Dippel, Chair, Advisory Board for Interpreters
 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
- O. Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health Services, Review of Rule which establishes rules and procedures for the State Board of Sanitarians and to comply with Acts 135 and 725 of 2021 **[Exhibit O]**
1. Don Adams, Interim Chief of Staff, Deputy Director for Administration, ADH
 2. Laura Shue, General Counsel, ADH
- P. Arkansas Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health Services, Review of Rule establishing minimum standards for licensure of water operators in Arkansas and to comply with Acts 135, 725, and 811 of 2021 **[Exhibit P]**
1. Lance Jones, Director, Engineering, ADH
 2. Laura Shue, General Counsel, ADH

Q. Other Business

R. Adjournment