

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

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**Tuesday, September 6, 2022**  
**10:00 AM**  
**Room A, MAC**  
**Little Rock, Arkansas**

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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

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Comments by the Chairs
- C. Consideration to Approve the July 5, 2022, Meeting Minutes **[EXHIBIT C]**
- D. The Lingering Effects of Long Covid-19
  1. Naveen Patil, MD, Deputy State Health Officer and Infectious Disease Physician, Arkansas Department of Health (ADH)
  2. Joe Thompson, MD, MPH, Director, Arkansas Center for Health Improvement
- E. Arkansas Medicaid Formulary Requirements-Name Brand vs Generics-Response from PASSE's **[EXHIBIT E]**
  1. Jack Hopkins, Manager, Government Relations and Operations, Arkansas Total Care, Centene
  2. Cory Cox, Director, Community Relations, Care Source
  3. Mitch Morris, Chief Executive Officer, Empower Healthcare Solutions
  4. Brad Nye, Government Relations Director, State Affairs, Summit Community Care
- F. Review of the Arkansas Tobacco Settlement Commission (ATSC) Biennial Report 2020-2021 **[Handout]**
  1. Matt Gilmore, Boards and Commissions Coordinator, ADH
  2. Emily Lane, UCA, ATSC Evaluation Team
  3. Amy-Leigh Overton-McCoy, PhD, APRN, UAMS Centers on Aging
- G. Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule which renews the Living Choices Assisted Living (LCAL) waiver as required by §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The five year renewal was approved January 19, 2022 **[EXHIBIT G]**
  1. Mark White, Chief of Staff and Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS

**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](http://www.arkleg.state.ar.us)**

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2. Elizabeth Pittman, Director of the Division of Medical Services, DHS
3. Jay Hill, Director of the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services, DHS

H. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule which renews the AR Choices in Homecare waiver as required by §1915(c) of the Social Security Act. The five year renewal was approved March 10, 2022 **[EXHIBIT H]**

1. Mark White, Chief of Staff and Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS
2. Elizabeth Pittman, Director of the Division of Medical Services, DHS
3. Jay Hill, Director of the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Services, DHS

I. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule which renews the Community and Employment Support Home and Community Based Services (CES HCBS) C waiver and its Provider-Led-Arkansas –Shared-Services Entity (PASSE) B waiver with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) **[EXHIBIT I]**

1. Mark White, Chief of Staff and Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS
2. Melissa Weatherton, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, DHS

J. Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS), Review of Rule which amends the Community and Employment Supports (CES) 1915(c) Home and Community Based Waiver. This program allows children and adults to remain in their homes and communities rather than an institution. DDS is adding enough waiver slots over 3 years to service an additional 3204 people and added 200 more slots for children in foster care **[EXHIBIT J]**

1. Mark White, Chief of Staff and Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS
2. Melissa Weatherton, Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, DHS

K. Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule which amends Section 218.400 of the Hospice/Critical Access Hospital/End Stage Renal Disease Provider Manual to replace age 19 to age 4 for treatment service, with adequate safeguards, to address access issues and provides appropriate clinical treatment to children and adolescents presenting to or admitted to emergency rooms.

**This rule was approved as an Emergency Rule on July 17, 2022. [EXHIBIT K]**

1. Mark White, Chief of Staff and Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs, DHS
2. Elizabeth Pittman, Director of the Division of Medical Services, DHS

L. Other Business

M. Adjournment