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Dear Co-Chairs:


This letter is to notify you that, the Executive Subcommittee exercised the power granted to it under Arkansas Code § 10-3-309(d)(2)(B) and ALC Rule 22(f)(2)(B) to review and approve emergency rules in writing on March 18, 2020. The following emergency rules were reviewed and approved, and the review and approval was effective at 12:00 noon, Friday, March 20, 2020:

- **Dept. of Labor and Licensing, Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, an emergency rule to revise the Appraisal Management Company Rules for compliance with the Federal Financial Institutions Reform, Recovery and Enforcement Act** – The Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board of the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing is proposing an emergency rule concerning Appraisal Management Company National Registry fees. Each state agency with an appraiser certifying and licensing agency is required to collect and remit the fee pursuant to 12 USCS § 3338(a)(4)(B). In Arkansas, the Appraisal Management Company Registration Act authorizes the Board to set the amount and method of calculation of the fee by rule [See Ark. Code Ann. § 17-14-406(d)(2)]; collect the fee [See Ark. Code Ann. § 17-14-406(d)(1)]; and remit the fee to the Appraisal Subcommittee of the Federal financial Institutions Examination Council. [See Ark. Code Ann. § 17-14-406(f).];
- **Dept. of Human Services, Division of Medical Services, emergency rule to adjust the SPA #2020-007 Durable Medical Equipment Rate** – Section 1903(i)(27) of the Social Security Act sets a maximum Medicaid reimbursement rate for durable medical equipment. This emergency rule revises the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan maximum unit reimbursement rate for durable medical equipment to conform with Section 1903(i)(27).;
- **Arkansas Dept. of Health, Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions/Social Work Licensing Board, emergency rule for Telemedicine** – Given the public health crisis posed by COVID-19, the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board has proposed an emergency rule concerning the provision of telehealth services to clients. The rule provides guidance to licensed social workers and, in compliance with the Telemedicine Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-80-401 through 17-80-407, the rule does not permit the use of telemedicine in a manner that is less restrictive than the use of telemedicine authorized by the Arkansas State Medical Board. See Ark. Code Ann. § 17-80-404(a)(3).; and

- *Arkansas Dept. of Health, Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions/Arkansas Psychology Board, emergency rule for Arkansas Psychology Board Rules Section 19 – Telepsychology* – Given the public health crisis posed by COVID-19, this emergency rule adds a section governing telemedicine to the Arkansas Psychology Board’s rules in accordance with the Telemedicine Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-80-401 through 17-80-407. The rule sets forth minimum standards for establishing practitioner/patient relationships prior to utilizing telepsychology and for providing services using telepsychology.

A copy of the emergency rules are attached for your information.

Respectfully,



Senator Cecile Bledsoe
Senate Co-Chair
Executive Subcommittee



Representative Jeff Wardlaw
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Attachment

cc: Ms. Jessica Sutton, Administrator, Administrative Rules and Regulations Review Section
Via email

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March 25, 2020

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Dear Co-Chairs:

This letter is to notify you that, the Executive Subcommittee exercised the power granted to it under Arkansas Code § 10-3-309(d)(2)(B) and ALC Rule 22(f)(2)(B) to review and approve emergency rules in writing on March 25, 2020. The following emergency rule was reviewed and approved:

- ***Arkansas Dept. of Health, Division of Health Related Boards and Commissions/Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy, emergency rule for Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy – Telehealth Rule*** – Given the public health crisis posed by COVID-19, this emergency rule adds a section governing telemedicine to the Arkansas State Board of Physical Therapy rules in accordance with the Telemedicine Act, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 17-80-401.

A copy of the emergency rule is attached for your information. The emergency rule was reviewed and approved, and the review and approval shall be effective at 12:00 noon, Thursday, March 26, 2020.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Senator Cecile Bledsoe.

Senator Cecile Bledsoe
Senate Co-Chair
Executive Subcommittee

Handwritten signature of Representative Jeff Wardlaw.

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Dear Co-Chairs:

This letter is to notify you that, pursuant to Act 1258 of 2015, the Executive Subcommittee met on April 15, 2020 to consider the request from the Arkansas Department of Commerce – Division of Workforce Services to review and approve the following emergency rule:

- *Dept. of Commerce, Division of Workforce Services, Emergency Rule 30, requiring employers to give notices to employees of the availability of unemployment benefits.*

A copy of the emergency rule is attached for your information. The emergency rule was reviewed and approved, and the review and approval shall be effective at noon, Thursday, April 16, 2020.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signature of Cecile Bledsoe in cursive.

Senator Cecile Bledsoe
Senate Co-Chair
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