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RE: Act 595 of 2021 – Acts requiring rulemaking update

Dear Ms. Whittaker,

Please allow this letter to update the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) initial report regarding Acts requiring agency rulemaking. Attached is an update on the status of each rule in progress.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark White  
DHS Deputy Director and Chief of Staff, Legal, and Legislative Affairs

ACT	TITLE	DETAILS	NEW, AMEND, OR REPEAL	STATUS
530	ARHOME	Creates the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021 (ARHOME). Will require Medicaid waiver, SPA, and DMS/DCO rules changes.	NEW/AMEND	Public Comment period
643	Medicaid Coverage of Continuous Glucose Monitors	Mandates Medicaid to cover continuous glucose monitors for certain individuals with diabetes.	AMEND	Public Comment period
746	Licensure for Aliens with Work Permits	Provides for the occupational or professional licensure of an individual who fulfills the requirements to practice an occupation or profession in Arkansas and who holds a Federal Form I-766.	AMEND	Public Comment period
780	Welfare Programs, Eligibility verification	Affects both SNAP and Medicaid: Requires data matches with the Lottery, Racing Commission, DWS, and ADH; additional reporting; and 180-day limit on PHE wind down.	AMEND	Draft in Development
830	Medicaid Coverage of Vagus Nerve Stimulation	Requires DHS to establish separate Medicaid reimbursement rates for vagus nerve stimulation therapy at 100% of in addition to the surgery fees already listed. Will require SPA, rules changes, and system changes.	AMEND	Draft in Development
1017	DHS as LTC Regulator	Clarifies language to provide that DHS is the regulator over all LTC facilities.	AMEND	Draft in Development