

**DHS - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES
(731)
FISCAL YEAR 2019
AS Enacted by Act 247 of 2018**

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The divisions of Aging and Adult Services and Behavioral Health Services were merged together as part of the agency's reorganization Act 913 of 2017. The new Division is comprised of a combined Central Administration function and operates the Arkansas State Hospital, Arkansas Health Center, and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Programs; it provides services to the elderly citizens of Arkansas through a network of 8 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's), over 100 community providers and over 200 senior citizen centers; and awards federal grants and state funds to thirteen (13) private, non-profit Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs). It also serves as an advocate for residents of nursing homes (State Long Term Care Ombudsman), provides protective services for individuals 18 years of age and older who are suffering from abuse, neglect or exploitation (Adult Protective Services Program), administers the Elder Choices program, provides legal services to the elderly and contracts with providers for substance abuse treatment programs.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total recommendations for appropriations \$222,858,792 in FY2019, with decreases of \$7,464,684.

FUNDING SOURCES

The budget is funded with General Revenue, Federal funding & from other revenues.

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

State Operations

All changes to the Operations appropriation are as a result of the organizational changes from Act 913 of 2017, including the combination of the Aging and Adult Services and Behavioral Health Services divisions into a single division. The recommendation for this appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues, is for \$113,800,901 in FY2019, including the following changes:

- The creation of the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance includes the transfer out of 25 positions and (\$1,807,927) in appropriation in the maintenance and operations grouping and personnel related

line items. This division is also affected by the transfer of Aging Long Term Services and Supports to the Division of County Operations which includes the loss of 98 positions and (\$5,696,798) in appropriation in the maintenance and operations grouping and personnel related line items. Total changes are the loss of 125 regular positions, 10 extra help positions and (\$7,464,684) in appropriation.

****NEW APPROPRIATION** Aging and Adult Services - Operations**

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded by General, Federal and Other Revenues is for \$32,932,972. These grants line items were formerly included in the State Operations appropriation for the Division of Aging and Adult Services and cannot be paid from the Behavioral Health Services Fund account.

Community Based Crisis Intervention

This appropriation, funded by General Revenues and one time funds is for \$6.7 million, a \$1.7 million increase from the previous year, to keep appropriation levels high enough to spend already received funds.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2018 Authorized Positions: 1,369)

Total Positions for FY2019: 1,244

Increase(Decrease): (125) - Transfer out of (125) positions including the following: (25)-DPSQA, (98)-DCO, (1)-DMS, (1)-DO
Extra Help Positions FY2019: 343 (Total FY2018 Authorized Extra Help: 353) Transfer out of (10) positions including (5) to DPSQA and (5) to DMS

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- **FEDERAL FUNDS:** If the Division receives additional federal funding it is to be used to reduce general revenue spending, except where prohibited by law.
- **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES-SPECIAL RATES OF PAY:** Provides for physicians and psychologists to receive special allowances, which are also available to UAMS physicians and professional faculty, with the allowance not to exceed two and one half times the salary authorized by the General Assembly.
- **VOCATIONAL TRAINEES:** Authorizes the Division to provide employment opportunities for working residents who are not part of the regular vocational training program on a cash account basis.
- **JOB SHARE:** Provides that the Division may use job share for nursing classification positions for up to 24 hours

per week per individual.

- **STATE HOSPITAL CONTINGENCY POSITIONS:** Provides that DHS may request the establishment of positions to assume the management of the Arkansas State Hospital in the event it is deemed necessary to discontinue a private management contract. The position request must receive DFA approval and prior Legislative Council/Joint Budget Committee review.
- **ARKANSAS HEALTH CENTER:** Prevents the closure of the Arkansas Health Center, requires the AHC to continue to continue to accept clients needing skilled nursing or specialized services, and prevents the transfer or reduction of the Arkansas Health center appropriation without the prior approval of ALC/JBC.
- **EXTRA HELP:** Provides that extra help positions cannot receive an amount more than 85% of the maximum annual salary for a comparable position and not work more than 1800 hours in any fiscal year.
- **TIMBER AND HAY SALES PROCEEDS:** Allows the sale of timber and hay from any DBHS land for major capital equipment, capital improvements, and the center's operation from which the timber or hay is sold. Also requires approval of contracts to harvest by PEER committee and reporting of proceeds from the harvest to ALC/JBC
- **SPECIAL RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS:** Authorizes the Division of Behavioral Health Director to implement salary adjustments utilizing the pay grid used by the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf for Certified Bachelors Teachers and Certified Masters Teachers employed at the Arkansas State Hospital. The number of work days for the employment year is set to equal the number of days worked by the same classifications at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf with the same accrual and use of sick, personal and holidays. Allows a one-time option to employees hired before 7/1/13 to choose between the pre 7/1/13 options or to operate under the provisions set forth in this section. Employees hired after 7/1/13 will be governed by the provisions set forth in this section.
- **MATCHING FUNDS:** Provides for state match for the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program on a two-to-one state/local match ratio and requires certification of match before state funds are paid.
- **STATE MATCH AUTHORIZED:** Authorizes the use of state funds to match federal funds available under Title III & V -

Older Americans Act, Social Services Block Grant and other federal funds.

- **GRANT/CONTRACT DISBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:** All appropriations for aging and adult services that are distributed under grant or contract methodologies may be disbursed as authorized by the federal regulations in Title III - Older Americans Act.
- **NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES:** Funding for the Nursing Home Care Alternative line item in the Operations appropriation may be used for home-delivered meals, adult day care, homemaker-chore, respite care, personal care, health promotion, and Medicaid match.
- **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS:** Distributes the appropriation for Senior Citizen Centers in the same manner as the funding formula requirements set out in federal Older Americans Act.