

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
94th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2024  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 19**

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR.

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**Amendment No. \_\_\_ to Senate Bill No. 19**

Amend Senate Bill No. 19 as originally introduced:

On page 10, immediately following SECTION 12, insert the following section:

" SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE – CODE AMENDMENT. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 77, Subchapter 1, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

20-77-153. Continuity of care of certain entities.

The Arkansas Medicaid Program shall provide that beneficiaries enrolled in a managed care organization, dental managed care organization, a prepaid health benefit plan, or a primary care case management entity are allowed to continue enrollment subject to eligibility to participate in the Arkansas Medicaid Program unless the beneficiary affirmatively chooses enrollment in an alternative managed care organization, dental managed care organization, a prepaid health benefit plan, or a primary care case management entity."

AND

Appropriately renumber the subsequent SECTIONS of the bill.

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The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Joint Budget Committee

By: Representative Perry

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Secretary

1 State of Arkansas  
2 94th General Assembly  
3 Fiscal Session, 2024  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 19

5 By: Joint Budget Committee  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES  
9 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
10 SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES FOR THE  
11 FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND FOR OTHER  
12 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN  
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
17 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025 FISCAL  
18 YEAR.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS. There is hereby established  
25 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the  
26 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of regular employees.  
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
32	(1) N249N	DHS DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
33	(2) N027N	DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES	1	GRADE SE01
34	(3) L016N	REGISTERED PHARMACIST	4	GRADE MP05
35	(4) L009C	NURSE MANAGER	1	GRADE MP03
36	(5) L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	3	GRADE MP02



1 action to submit a waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and  
2 Medicaid Services to increase reimbursement rates for assisted living  
3 facilities under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver.

4 (2) The department shall study and explore methods to increase the  
5 reimbursement rates for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices  
6 Assisted Living Waiver, including without limitation setting the  
7 reimbursement rate for assisted living facilities under the Living Choices  
8 Assisted Living Waiver as a percentage of the reimbursement rate for nursing  
9 home facilities.

10 (b) The department shall provide an accounting of funds allocated to  
11 qualifying entities under home and community-based services to the  
12 Legislative Council.

13 (c)(1) The Secretary of the Department of Human Services shall  
14 provide, in person, a monthly update to the Legislative Council on the status  
15 of the actions listed in subsections (a) and (b) of this section until the  
16 conclusion or resolution of these actions.

17 (2) If the General Assembly is in session, the secretary shall  
18 provide the updates described in subdivision (c)(1) of this section to the  
19 Joint Budget Committee.

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21 SECTION 13. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS  
22 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW.

23 SEVERABILITY. If any provisions of this act or the application of this act  
24 to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not  
25 affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect  
26 without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions  
27 of this act are declared to be severable.

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29 SECTION 14. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds  
30 authorized by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency  
31 and funds made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and  
32 the restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and  
33 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary  
34 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal  
35 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by  
36 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be