



GL #8

**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

March 10, 2026

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair
Representative Lane Jean, Co-Chair
Joint Budget Committee
Arkansas General Assembly
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

I respectfully request the following amendment to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Health.

Please amend SECTION 4. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(112)	MNU04P	NURSE PRACTITIONER	33 <u>32</u>	GRADE MED08
(119)	MNU06P	REGISTERED NURSE	319 <u>317</u>	GRADE MED05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	2,206 <u>2,203</u>	

The above request transfers three (3) positions from the Department of Health to the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and is necessary due to the significant increase of investigations and to support the Full Independent Practice Credentialing Committee (FIPCC).

Please amend SECTION 8. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS as follows:

<u>Item</u> <u>No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2026-2027</u>
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	<u>\$122,237,595</u>	<u>\$121,993,010</u>
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>44,587,461</u>	<u>44,531,278</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$329,417,489</u>	<u>\$329,116,721</u>

The above request is necessary to adjust the Regular Salaries and Personal Services Matching appropriations for the transferred positions.

Please amend SECTION 10. APPROPRIATION - HEALTH BUILDING AND LOCAL HEALTH GRANT TRUST as follows and renumber accordingly:

<u>Item</u> <u>No.</u>		<u>Fiscal Year</u> <u>2026-2027</u>
<u>(X) CONSTRUCTION</u>		<u>\$7,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$1,950,000</u>	<u>\$8,950,000</u>

The above request is necessary to establish appropriation for construction and improvement of the State Health Building.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas