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STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR

March 18, 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 amendments to the 2026-2027 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	2 3	GRADE SPC09
(48)	PPE02P	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	7 8	GRADE SGS05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,179 1,181	

The above request is necessary to incorporate position transfers that were approved by the Arkansas Legislative Council in the first Reallocation of Resource Request of Fiscal Year 2026.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – STATE OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.		Fiscal Year 2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$58,500,595	\$58,680,049
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	24,693,332	24,750,860
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$148,545,191</u>	<u>\$148,782,173</u>

This request provides for the reallocated position changes and reflects appropriation accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders
Governor of Arkansas