ALC-Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) **ALC Subcommittee Report for Emergency Action** January 11, 2022

On January 11, 2022, Senator Terry Rice and Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council, and Senator Jonathan Dismang and Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chairs of the PEER Subcommittee, received written notification from Larry Walther, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, requesting emergency approval of a request for American Rescue Plan appropriation.

Under Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council, on January 11, 2022, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and PEER Subcommittee unanimously determined that emergency approval was necessary to enable the agency to perform essential services. As such, the Co-Chairs of the Legislative Council and the Co-Chairs of the PEER subcommittee may act on behalf of the Legislative Council in regard to the request, and state herein that the requests shall be filed as approved and reported to the Legislative Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting in accordance with Rule 16.

Below is a summary of the request given emergency approval:

American Rescue Plan Appropriation Request

Department of Health - St. Bernards - \$2,565,000

Department of Health - Mercy Hospital NW - \$4,052160

Department of Health - Mercy Fort Smith - \$3,600,000

Department of Health - Conway Regional - \$7,650,000

Department of Health - CHI St. Vincent Little Rock - \$6,750,000

Department of Health - CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs - \$6,750,000

Department of Health - Washington Regional - \$1,440,000

Department of Health - Unity Health White County - \$7,875,000

Department of Health - Baptist Health Conway - \$3,528,000

Department of Health - Baptist Health Van Buren - \$4,410,000

Department of Health - Arkansas Children's Hospital - \$1,500,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Senator Terry Rice, Co-Chair

Arkansas Legislative Council

Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair

Arkansas Legislative Council

Representative Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair

ALC PEER Subcommittee

Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair ALC PEER Subcommittée



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January 10, 2022

Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chair Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Co-Chairs:

This is to inform you that there are items for Legislative Council approval that require your immediate attention. Because of the time-sensitive nature of these items, the Department of Finance and Administration respectfully requests an emergency approval of these items, which have received my approval as Chief Fiscal Officer of the State.

These items are American Rescue Plan Act requests. The requests are required to allow the Arkansas Department of Health to partner with multiple hospitals in the state to increase the hospital bed capacity statewide.

I ask that you please institute emergency action procedures for consideration of these matters and sign them out of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council.

Sincerely,

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Secretary

Department of Finance and Administration

CC: Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee



4815 West Markham Street • Little Rock, Arkansas 72205 3867 • Telephone (501) 661-2000 Governor Asa Hutchinson José R. Romero, MD, Secretary of Health

January 11, 2022

Sen. Terry Rice, Co-Chair Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Co-Chair Arkansas Legislative Council State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Rice and Representative Wardlaw:

This is a request for emergency Legislative Council review of appropriation requests from the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to increase COVID-19 hospital bed capacity. In response to the strain that the COVID-19 Omicron variant has imposed on hospitals statewide, ADH partnered with nine (9) hospital systems across the state to request a total of \$50,120,160 from the ARPA Steering Committee to secure an additional 265 ICU and medical hospital beds. The funding requests were approved and your consideration to allocate appropriation would be greatly appreciated.

As ADH has done with previous ARPA funding awards, if able to proceed with expending the funding, we will submit proof of ARPA expenses to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for reimbursement. All reimbursed funds would be returned to the State's budget by transfer to the Department of Finance and Administration.

Because of the time-sensitive nature of these items, ADH respectfully asks that you please institute emergency action procedures and consider the appropriation requests outside of Committee per Rule 16 of the Rules of the Arkansas Legislative Council. I welcome any comments or questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

José R. Romero, MD, FAAP, FAAAS, FIDSA, FPIDS

Arkansas Secretary of Health

Director, Arkansas Department of Health

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CC: Senator Jonathan Dismang, Co-Chair Representative Michelle Gray, Co-Chair Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review (PEER) Subcommittee Renee Mallory, ADH Chief of Staff

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$2,565,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with St. Bernard's Medical Center -

Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been

observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a

significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and St. Bernard's Medical Center have

partnered to develop a proposal to request \$2,565,000 in funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total

of 21 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 13 medical COVID beds at

\$3,500 per bed and 8 ICU COVID at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 30 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with St. Bernard's Medical Center

in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to

processing reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$4,052,160

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Mercy Hospital NW – Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been

observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a

significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Mercy Hospital NW have partnered

to develop a proposal to request \$4,052,160 in funding from the American Rescue Plan

Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 18 beds can

be made available. These beds will consist of 18 ICU COVID beds at \$7,504 per bed for

a period of 30 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Mercy Hospital NW in

accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing

reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$3,600,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Mercy Fort Smith – Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been

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To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Mercy Fort Smith have partnered to

develop a proposal to request \$3,600,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 16 COVID

medical beds can be made available at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Mercy Fort Smith in

accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing

reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$7,650,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Conway Regional Health System

- Proposal"

Overview

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hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

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19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Conway Regional Health System

have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$7,650,000 in funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total

of 34 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 19 medical COVID beds

and 15 ICU COVID beds at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Conway Regional Health

System in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$6,750,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with CHI St. Vincent, Little Rock -

Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

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immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

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develop a proposal to request \$6,750,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 30 medical and

ICU COVID beds can be made available at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent in accordance

with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing

reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$6,750,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with CHI St. Vincent, Hot Springs -

Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been

observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a

significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and CHI St. Vincent have partnered to

develop a proposal to request \$6,750,000 in funding from the American Rescue Plan Act

(ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total of 30 medical and

ICU COVID beds can be made available at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with CHI St. Vincent in accordance

with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing

reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$1,440,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Washington Regional Medical

Center - Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been

observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a

significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Washington Regional Medical Center

have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$1,440,000 in funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total

of 8 COVID medical beds can be made available at \$4,000 per bed for a period of 45

days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Washington Regional Medical

Center in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to

processing reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$7,875,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Unity Health, White County

Medical Center - Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been

observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a

significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Unity Health, White County Medical

Center have partnered to develop a proposal to request \$7,875,000 in funding from the

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity.

A total of 35 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 18 medical COVID

beds and 17 ICU COVID beds at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 45 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Unity Health, White County

Medical Center in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance

prior to processing reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$3,528,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Baptist Health, Conway -

Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

far in Arkansas has such a rapid rise in COVID related illness and hospitalizations been

observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a

significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Baptist Health, Conway have

partnered to develop a proposal to request \$3,528,000 in funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total

of 28 hospital beds can be made available, 4 ICU COVID beds and 24 medical COVID

beds at \$4,500 per bed for 28 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Baptist Health, Conway in

accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing

reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$4,410,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Baptist Health, Van Buren -

Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

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observed. The demand for nursing and other caregivers has skyrocketed and there is a

significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Baptist Health, Van Buren have

partnered to develop a proposal to request \$4,410,000 in funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total

of 35 COVID medical hospital beds can be made available at \$4,500 per bed for 28 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Baptist Health, Van Buren in

accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to processing

reimbursement for services.

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American Rescue Plan Act Appropriation Request

Requested Amount: \$1,500,000

"Increase COVID-19 Hospital Bed Capacity with Arkansas Children's Hospital --

Proposal"

Overview

As of January 7, 2022, COVID-19 cases in Arkansas continue to increase, as do

hospitalizations, due to the Omicron Variant. In less than 4 weeks, hospitalizations

related to COVID-19 have increased over 120%. At no point during the pandemic thus

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significant need for additional bed capacity across the state.

To help mitigate the stress that hospitals are experiencing statewide, there is an

immediate need to create additional capacity to care for Arkansans suffering from COVID-

19. The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) and Arkansas Children's Hospital have

partnered to develop a proposal to request \$1,500,000 in funding from the American

Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Steering Committee to increase hospital bed capacity. A total

of 10 beds can be made available. These beds will consist of 4 medical COVID beds at

\$5,000 per bed and 6 ICU COVID beds at \$5,000 per bed for a period of 30 days.

ADH will execute a memorandum of agreement with Arkansas Children's Hospital

in accordance with the proposed ARPA proposal and verify compliance prior to

processing reimbursement for services.