



**STATE OF ARKANSAS
SARAH HUCKABEE SANDERS
GOVERNOR**

April 3, 2024

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 2024-2025 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Please amend SECTION 3. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item Class			Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code	Title	No. of	Salary Rate
			Employees	Fiscal Year
				2024-2025
(X)	L009C	<u>NURSE MANAGER</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>GRADE MP03</u>
(6)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	19 <u>18</u>	GRADE MP01

This request surrenders one registered nurse position for one nurse manager to provide management of nursing services for both veterans' homes.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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

A Bill

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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 VETERANS
10 AFFAIRS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025; AND
11 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

13 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS
14 AFFAIRS APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024-2025
15 FISCAL YEAR.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
22 established for the Department of Veterans Affairs for the 2024-2025 fiscal
23 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
29	(1) SC015	SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	1	GRADE SE05
30		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1	

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32 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION - OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY. There is hereby
33 appropriated, to the Department of Veterans Affairs, to be payable from the
34 Miscellaneous Agencies Fund Account, for personal services of the Department
35 of Veterans Affairs for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:
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1	ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
2	<u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
3	(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$221,420
4	(02) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<u>60,444</u>
5	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u><u>\$281,864</u></u>

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9 following maximum number of regular employees.

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11 *(3.1) L009C NURSE MANAGER 1 GRADE MP03* Maximum Annual

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13 Item Class Maximum Salary Rate

14 No. Code Title Employees 2024-2025

15	(1)	U008U	ADVA DIRECTOR	1	GRADE SE02
16	(2)	L018N	NURSE PRACTITIONER	1	GRADE MP04
17	(3)	L002C	NURSING DIRECTOR	2	GRADE MP04
18	(4)	L019C	REGISTERED NURSE COORDINATOR	1	GRADE MP02
19	(5)	L027C	REGISTERED NURSE SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE MP02
20	(6)	L032C	REGISTERED NURSE - HOSPITAL	19 18	GRADE MP01
21	(7)	D079C	COMPUTER SUPPORT TECHNICIAN	1	GRADE IT02
22	(8)	N197N	NURSING HOME DIVISION DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
23	(9)	G039N	ADVA ASSISTANT DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS14
24	(10)	L026N	ADVA STATE VETERANS HOME ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS14
25	(11)	A133C	ADVA CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	GRADE GS13
26	(12)	G318C	ADVA DIVISION DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS13
27	(13)	A027C	ACCOUNTING OPERATIONS MANAGER	1	GRADE GS11
28	(14)	V036C	AGENCY PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE GS10
29	(15)	M009C	LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER	3	GRADE GS09
30	(16)	L021C	NURSING HOME ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR	2	GRADE GS09
31	(17)	P004C	PUBLIC INFORMATION MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
32	(18)	X038C	QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS09
33	(19)	A082C	ACCOUNTANT II	1	GRADE GS08
34	(20)	S003C	FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR	2	GRADE GS08
35	(21)	S004C	MAINTENANCE MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08
36	(22)	R014C	PERSONNEL MANAGER	1	GRADE GS08