



**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 amendments to the 2024-2025 Operations Appropriation Bill for the Arkansas Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services.

Please amend SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - OPERATIONS as follows and renumber accordingly:

Item Class	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(2) N027N DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES	1	GRADE SE01
(19) N128N DHS ASST DIR QUALITY ASSURANCE	1	GRADE GS13
(23) G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
(24) L010C DHS DMS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER	4	<u>3</u> GRADE GS10
MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	96	<u>92</u>

This request will incorporate position changes that were approved by the Arkansas

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Legislative Council in the first, second, and third Reallocation of Resources
Requests of Fiscal Year 2024.

Please amend SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION – OPERATIONS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(01)	REGULAR SALARIES	\$6,529,789	\$6,166,219
(03)	PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	2,322,298	2,258,690
	TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$12,909,209</u>	<u>\$12,482,031</u>

This request takes into account position transfers and reflects appropriation accordingly.

Please amend SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION – GRANTS as follows:

Item No.			Fiscal Year 2024-2025
(02)	HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES	8,432,255,717	<u>8,356,005,717</u>
(03)	PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	509,386,547	<u>585,636,547</u>

This request is needed to correct an error made during the biennial forecasting process. The state contribution for Part D Drug Benefits Clawback was added to the Hospital and Medical Services appropriation, but it is expensed in the Prescription Drug appropriation.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Sarah Huckabee Sanders

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.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill No. 19

Amend Senate Bill No. 19 as originally introduced:

On page 1, delete line 33 in its entirety and substitute the following line:

~~"(2) NO27N DHS DEPUTY DIRECTOR ADULT SERVICES 1 GRADE SE01"~~

AND

On page 2, delete line 14 in its entirety and substitute the following line:

~~"(19) N128N DHS ASST DIR QUALITY ASSURANCE 1 GRADE GS13"~~

AND

On page 2, delete line 18 in its entirety and substitute the following line:

~~"(23) G073C ATTORNEY 1 GRADE GS10"~~

AND

On page 2, line 19, delete "4" and substitute "3"

AND

On page 2, line 32, delete "96" and substitute "92"

AND

On page 3, line 15, delete "\$6,529,789" and substitute "\$6,166,219"

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AND

On page 3, line 17, delete "2,322,298" and substitute "2,258,690"

AND

On page 3, line 26, delete "\$12,909,209" and substitute "\$12,482,031"

AND

On page 4, line 1, delete "8,432,255,717" and substitute "8,356,005,717"

AND

On page 4, line 2, delete "509,386,547" and substitute "585,636,547".

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

By: Joint Budget Committee

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Secretary

1 State of Arkansas
2 94th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2024
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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 Class		Maximum	Maximum Annual
No.	Code Title	No. of	Salary Rate
		Employees	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	(6)	L038C REGISTERED NURSE	9	GRADE MP01
2	(7)	D006N STATE SYSTEMS ARCHITECT	1	GRADE IT10
3	(8)	D007C INFORMATION SYSTEMS MANAGER	2	GRADE IT08
4	(9)	D030C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT07
5	(10)	D038C SENIOR SOFTWARE SUPPORT ANALYST	1	GRADE IT06
6	(11)	D061C INFORMATION SYSTEMS COORDINATION SPEC	1	GRADE IT05
7	(12)	D058C COMPUTER OPERATIONS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE IT04
8	(13)	D068C INFORMATION SYSTEMS ANALYST	1	GRADE IT04
9	(14)	A019N DHS DEP CHIEF FIN OFFICER-MEDICAL SVCS	1	GRADE GS15
10	(15)	G286C DMS DEPUTY DIRECTOR	1	GRADE GS15
11	(16)	P077C DHS COMM & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OFCR	1	GRADE GS14
12	(17)	N100N DHS/DMS ADD - MEDICAL SERVICES	1	GRADE GS14
13	(18)	N110N DHS ASST DIR CONTRACT MONITORING UNIT	1	GRADE GS13
14	(19)	N128N DHS ASST DIR QUALITY ASSURANCE	1	GRADE GS13
15	(20)	G025C ATTORNEY SUPERVISOR	1	GRADE GS12
16	(21)	N168N DHS DIR HOME & COMMUNITY BASED SVCS	1	GRADE GS12
17	(22)	A016C DHS DMS BUSINESS OPERATIONS MANAGER	8	GRADE GS12
18	(23)	G073C ATTORNEY	1	GRADE GS10
19	(24)	L010C DHS DMS MEDICAL ASSISTANCE MANAGER	43	GRADE GS10
20	(25)	G099C DHS PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR	17	GRADE GS09
21	(26)	R021C BUDGET ANALYST	1	GRADE GS08
22	(27)	G152C DHS PROGRAM MANAGER	8	GRADE GS08
23	(28)	A081C AUDITOR	1	GRADE GS07
24	(29)	G183C DHS PROGRAM COORDINATOR	7	GRADE GS07
25	(30)	C037C ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	2	GRADE GS06
26	(31)	R027C BUDGET SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS06
27	(32)	C013C MEDICAL SERVICES REPRESENTATIVE	1	GRADE GS06
28	(33)	C036C ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW ANALYST	1	GRADE GS05
29	(34)	L070C HEALTH CARE ANALYST	4	GRADE GS05
30	(35)	C056C ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST III	4	GRADE GS04
31	(36)	A098C FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	1	GRADE GS04
32		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	<u>96</u> 92	

SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized, for the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, the following maximum number of part-time or temporary

1 employees, to be known as "Extra Help", payable from funds appropriated
 2 herein for such purposes: ten (10) temporary or part-time employees, when
 3 needed, at rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform
 4 Classification and Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the
 5 appropriate classification.

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7 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - OPERATIONS. There is hereby appropriated,
 8 to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as
 9 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for personal services
 10 and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services - Division of
 11 Medical Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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13 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
14 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
15 (01) REGULAR SALARIES	<i>\$6,166,219</i> \$6,529,789
16 (02) EXTRA HELP	201,892
17 (03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	<i>\$2,258,690</i> 2,322,298
18 (04) OVERTIME	2,241
19 (05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
20 (A) OPER. EXPENSE	1,813,290
21 (B) CONF. & TRAVEL	40,099
22 (C) PROF. FEES	700,000
23 (D) CAP. OUTLAY	0
24 (E) DATA PROC.	0
25 (06) DATA PROCESSING SERVICES	<u>1,299,600</u>
26 TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<i>\$ 12,482,031</i> <u>\$12,909,200</u>

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28 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - GRANTS. There is hereby appropriated, to
 29 the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the paying account as
 30 determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for grant payments of
 31 the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services for the
 32 fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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34 ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
35 <u>NO.</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
36 (01) ARKIDS B PROGRAM	\$207,222,020

1	(02)	HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICES	8,432,255,717
2	(03)	PRESCRIPTION DRUGS	509,386,547
3	(04)	PRIVATE NURSING HOME CARE	1,007,142,061
4	(05)	CHILD AND FAMILY LIFE INSTITUTE	2,100,000
5	(06)	INFANT INFIRMARY	2,588,441
6	(07)	PUBLIC NURSING HOME CARE	<u>217,529,350</u>
7		TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$10,378,224,136</u>

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9 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - NURSING HOME CLOSURE COSTS. There is hereby

10 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services - Division of Medical

11 Services, to be payable from the Long-Term Care Trust Fund, for the payment

12 of relocation costs of residents in long-term care facilities, maintenance

13 and operation of a facility pending correction of deficiencies or closure,

14 and reimbursement of residents for personal funds lost for the fiscal year

15 ending June 30, 2025, the following:

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17	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
18	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2024-2025</u>
19	(01)	EXPENSES	<u>\$4,500,000</u>

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21 SECTION 6. APPROPRIATION - LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY RECEIVERSHIP. There

22 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable

23 from the Long Term Care Facility Receivership Fund Account, for the payment

24 of expenses of long-term care facility receivers as authorized by law of the

25 Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services - Long-Term Care

26 Facility Receivership for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, the

27 following:

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29	ITEM		FISCAL YEAR
30	<u>NO.</u>		<u>2024-2025</u>
31	(01)	EXPENSES	<u>\$100,000</u>

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33 SECTION 7. APPROPRIATION - NURSING HOME QUALITY GRANTS. There is

34 hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from

35 the Long-Term Care Trust Fund, for Nursing Home Quality Care Grants of the

36 Department of Human Services - Division of Medical Services - Nursing Home