



**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		Maximum Annual
			No. of Employees	Salary Rate	Fiscal Year
(2)	SSP03C	DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	GRADE SPC09
(48)	PPE02P	PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	7	<u>8</u>	GRADE SGS05
		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,179	<u>1,181</u>	

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.

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

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

ARKANSAS SENATE
95th General Assembly - Fiscal Session, 2026
Amendment Form

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Subtitle of Senate Bill 21

AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT,
AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL
YEAR.

Amendment No. ___ to Senate Bill 21

Amend Senate Bill 21 as originally introduced:

On page 1, line 35, delete "2" and substitute "3"

AND

On page 3, line 9, delete "7" and substitute "8"

AND

On page 4, line 21, delete "1,179" and substitute "1,181"

AND

On page 5, line 6, delete "\$58,500,595" and substitute "\$58,680,049"

AND

On page 5, line 8, delete "24,693,332" and substitute "24,750,860"

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AND

On page 5, line 16, delete "\$148,545,191" and substitute "\$148,782,173".

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 95th General Assembly
3 Fiscal Session, 2026
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 21

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PERSONAL SERVICES
10 AND OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
11 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND BEHAVIORAL
12 HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
13 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN
16 SERVICES - DIVISION OF AGING, ADULT, AND
17 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES APPROPRIATION
18 FOR THE 2026-2027 FISCAL YEAR.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. REGULAR SALARIES - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
26 established for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult,
27 and Behavioral Health Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
28 maximum number of regular employees.
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Item No.	Class Code	Title	Maximum No. of Employees	Maximum Annual Salary Rate Fiscal Year 2026-2027
34	(1)	EEX22A HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR	2	GRADE EXE02
35	(2)	SSP03C DHS DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR	23	GRADE SPC09
36	(3)	MHA01C NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE SPC08



1	(40)	TFS04C FOOD SERVICES SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS05
2	(41)	PRC06C RESIDENT. CARE TEAM SUPVR/EXPERT	3	GRADE SGS05
3	(42)	PAS01P ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST	26	GRADE SGS05
4	(43)	PDA02P DATA/RESEARCH SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS05
5	(44)	FGM02P GRANTS COORDINATOR	1	GRADE SGS05
6	(45)	IIN02P INSPECTOR II	1	GRADE SGS05
7	(46)	TIW04P INVENTORY SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS05
8	(47)	IIV03P INVESTIGATOR II	3	GRADE SGS05
9	(48)	PPE02P PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY SPECIALIST I	7 8	GRADE SGS05
10	(49)	PAS02P ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR	40	GRADE SGS04
11	(50)	FFS04P FISCAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST	3	GRADE SGS04
12	(51)	FGM01P GRANTS ANALYST	3	GRADE SGS04
13	(52)	HDH07P HR SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS04
14	(53)	TIW01P INVENTORY COORDINATOR	3	GRADE SGS04
15	(54)	IIV02P INVESTIGATOR I	1	GRADE SGS04
16	(55)	MLM04P PHLEBOTOMIST	2	GRADE SGS04
17	(56)	TST07P TRADES SPECIALIST	4	GRADE SGS04
18	(57)	THT01I CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT	166	GRADE SGS03
19	(58)	EEP01P EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL	4	GRADE SGS03
20	(59)	TIW03P INVENTORY SPECIALIST	9	GRADE SGS03
21	(60)	TFS05P KITCHEN SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	8	GRADE SGS03
22	(61)	MPS01P PSYCHOLOGICAL EVALUATOR	3	GRADE SGS03
23	(62)	SSE01P SECURITY GUARD	61	GRADE SGS03
24	(63)	PAS05I CALL CENTER SPECIALIST	1	GRADE SGS02
25	(64)	THT04I PHARMACY TECHNICIAN	2	GRADE SGS02
26	(65)	PAS03P ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST	14	GRADE SGS02
27	(66)	THO02P HOUSEKEEPER SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	4	GRADE SGS02
28	(67)	TGR01P LANDSCAPE COORDINATOR	2	GRADE SGS02
29	(68)	PRC03P RESIDENTIAL CARE COORDINATOR	59	GRADE SGS02
30	(69)	TAT01I BEAUTICIAN	1	GRADE SGS01
31	(70)	TFS01P COOK	38	GRADE SGS01
32	(71)	PRC01P HEALTH AIDE	2	GRADE SGS01
33	(72)	THO01P HOUSEKEEPER	49	GRADE SGS01
34	(73)	PRC04P RESIDENTIAL CARE SPECIALIST	38	GRADE SGS01
35	(74)	MLM08C STATE HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE MED12
36	(75)	MPA04C PHARMACY MANAGER	1	GRADE MED10

1	(76)	MPH03P PHYSICIAN	3	GRADE MED10
2	(77)	MDE01I DENTIST	1	GRADE MED09
3	(78)	MPA01P PHARMACIST	2	GRADE MED09
4	(79)	MNU05C NURSING ADMINISTRATOR	1	GRADE MED08
5	(80)	MNU04P NURSE PRACTITIONER	2	GRADE MED08
6	(81)	MLM05C PHYSICAL THERAPIST	1	GRADE MED07
7	(82)	MNU07C REGISTERED NURSE MANAGER	15	GRADE MED07
8	(83)	MLM07C SPEECH PATHOLOGIST	1	GRADE MED07
9	(84)	MNU03P NURSE INSTRUCTOR	1	GRADE MED06
10	(85)	MNU08P REG. NURSE SUPERVISOR/EXPERT	31	GRADE MED06
11	(86)	MDI03P REGISTERED DIETICIAN	1	GRADE MED05
12	(87)	MNU06P REGISTERED NURSE	153	GRADE MED05
13	(88)	MLM06C RESPIRATORY THERAPIST	3	GRADE MED04
14	(89)	MDI01P DIETICIAN	1	GRADE MED03
15	(90)	MNU02P LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE SUPVR/EXP.	9	GRADE MED03
16	(91)	MPS02P PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINER	1	GRADE MED03
17	(92)	MNU01P LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE	85	GRADE MED02
18	(93)	MRE02P REHABILITATION COORDINATOR	3	GRADE MED02
19	(94)	MRE03P REHABILITATION INSTRUCTOR	28	GRADE MED02
20	(95)	SLE02P POLICE OFFICER	<u>24</u>	GRADE LES01
21		MAX. NO. OF EMPLOYEES	1,179 1181	

23 SECTION 2. EXTRA HELP - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby authorized,
 24 for the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and
 25 Behavioral Health Services for the 2026-2027 fiscal year, the following
 26 maximum number of part-time or temporary employees, to be known as "Extra
 27 Help", payable from funds appropriated herein for such purposes: three
 28 hundred forty-seven (347) temporary or part-time employees, when needed, at
 29 rates of pay not to exceed those provided in the Uniform Classification and
 30 Compensation Act, or its successor, or this act for the appropriate
 31 classification.

33 SECTION 3. APPROPRIATION - STATE OPERATIONS. There is hereby
 34 appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be payable from the
 35 paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, for
 36 personal services and operating expenses of the Department of Human Services

1 - Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal
 2 year ending June 30, 2027, the following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) REGULAR SALARIES	\$58,680,049 \$58,500,595
(02) EXTRA HELP	5,764,305
(03) PERSONAL SERVICES MATCHING	\$24,750,860 24,693,332
(04) OVERTIME	5,712,006
(05) MAINT. & GEN. OPERATION	
(A) OPER. EXPENSE	41,332,158
(B) CONF. & TRAVEL	182,214
(C) PROF. FEES	11,460,581
(D) CAP. OUTLAY	900,000
(E) DATA PROC.	<u>0</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$148,782,173</u> \$148,545,191

18 SECTION 4. APPROPRIATION - AGING AND ADULT SERVICES - OPERATIONS.

19 There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Human Services, to be
 20 payable from the paying account as determined by the Chief Fiscal Officer of
 21 the State, for operating expenses, grants, and programs for aging and adult
 22 services of the Department of Human Services - Division of Aging, Adult, and
 23 Behavioral Health Services for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, the
 24 following:

ITEM	FISCAL YEAR
NO.	2026-2027
(01) NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES	\$4,802,025
(02) NUTRITION PROGRAMS	22,790,328
(03) OLDER WORKER PROGRAM	1,052,665
(04) PROJECT GRANTS	17,436,641
(05) RETIRED & SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM	75,000
(06) SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS	<u>10,000,000</u>
TOTAL AMOUNT APPROPRIATED	<u>\$56,156,659</u>

36 SECTION 5. APPROPRIATION - COMMUNITY ALCOHOL SAFETY OPERATIONS. There