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RE: Acts of the 2023 Session Requiring Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Miller-Rice,

Please allow this letter and attachment to update the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) initial report regarding Acts requiring agency rulemaking. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

*Mac Golden*

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Deputy Chief  
Office of Rules Promulgation

cc: Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, Department of Human Services

*Attachment: 2023 Act Implementation Report*

ACT	TITLE	DETAILS	NEW, AMEND, OR REPEAL	STATUS
200	Peer Support Specialists (Final Title pending)	Establishing criteria for hiring Peer Support Specialists to comply with Act 200	NEW	Draft in Development
266 and 832	Transitional Employment Assistance and Work Pays updates pursuant to Acts 266 and 832 of 2023	Reduced Transitional Employment Assistance from 24 months to 12 months.	AMEND	Internal Approval pending
335	Minimum Dementia Training Requirements pursuant to Act 335 of 2023	Act 335 amends Arkansas Code §20-10-2401 to require minimum dementia training for staff members who are employed by an assisted living facility to address gaps in current dementia training requirements.	AMEND	Public Comment Completed (no comments); Legislative Review in December pending (on track for 1/1/24)
703	Rules for Life Choices Lifeline and Continuum of Care Programs	Act 703 of 2023 transfers responsibility for administering the Life Choices Lifeline from the Department of Health to Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS). It also transfers resource access assistance which is offered under the Every Mom Matters Act to DHS.	NEW	In Public Comment 10/14/23 through 11/12/23; Legislative Review in December pending (on track for 1/1/24)
806	Act 806 Rule [Title pending]	This Act provides state oversight of quality of care provided to children in psychiatric residential treatment facilities and other regulated facilities. DHS must promulgate rules regarding minimum standards and metrics, and rules regulating the facilities.	AMEND	Draft in Development