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RE: Acts of the 2023 Session Requiring Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Miller-Rice,

Please allow this letter and attachment to serve as the January 1, 2024, update of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) reporting 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
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cc: Mitch Rouse, Chief of Staff, Department of Human Services

Attachment: 2023 Act Implementation Report

ACT	TITLE	DETAILS	NEW, AMEND, OR REPEAL	STATUS
198	Assisted Living Facility Cost Reporting pursuant to Act 198	Establishes annual cost reports from ALFs.	AMEND	Internal Agency Approval Pending
200	Peer Support Specialists (Final title pending)	Establishes 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	Reduces Transitional Employment Assistance from 24 months to 12 months.	AMEND	Governor 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	Promulgated effective 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	Promulgated effective 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