

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.  
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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1687

By: Representative Penzo  
By: Senator B. Davis

**For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING LOCATIONS  
FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A HOME HEALTHCARE  
SERVICES AGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

**Subtitle**

TO AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING  
LOCATIONS FOR AND GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF A  
HOME HEALTHCARE SERVICES AGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 20-8-107(a), concerning expansion of facilities or services, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Unless otherwise provided in this subchapter, all health facilities seeking to add new beds or perform additional home health services or to expand existing bed capacity ~~or home health services~~ shall apply for a permit approving additional beds or services or expanded bed capacity or services pursuant to procedures and criteria promulgated by the Health Services Permit Commission, except an additional permit shall not be required for home health services agencies currently licensed by the Department of Health to expand geographic service areas if the home health services agency has a primary or branch office located within one hundred (100) miles of the location of the services.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 20-10-806(b)(3)(B), concerning the administration, rules, and standards of home healthcare services, is amended



to read as follows:

(B) Not require:

(i) A registered nurse to visit a patient every sixty-two (62) days to supervise services; ~~or~~

(ii) For any home healthcare services agency in existence as of April 1, 2021, or licensed afterwards:

(a) More than one (1) branch office or other place of business to be physically located in the state; or

(b) A separate license indicating a geographic limitation with respect to the provision of services; or

(iii) A branch office of a home healthcare services agency that only provides unskilled home healthcare services to be within a one-hundred-mile radius of a patient's home.

*/s/Penzo*

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