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RE: Act 595 of 2021 – Acts requiring rulemaking report

Dear Ms. Whittaker,

Please allow this letter to satisfy for the Arkansas Department of Human Services the initial responsibility to review newly enacted laws pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 25-15-216, including those identified in the *Report on the Acts of the 2021 Regular Session Requiring New Rulemaking*. An Excel file detailing the Acts requiring rulemaking and the status of the rulemaking is provided with this letter.

A letter identifying Acts in the Report that do not require rulemaking is being provided separately.

I am the contact person for future updates, and I will provide an updated report monthly by the first of the month. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark White
Chief of Staff
Chief of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

ACT	TITLE	DETAILS	NEW, AMEND, OR REPEAL	Status
530	ARHOME	Creates the Arkansas Health and Opportunity for Me Act of 2021 (ARHOME). Will require Medicaid waiver, SPA, and DMS/DCO rules changes.	NEW/AMEND	Drafts in Development
643	Medicaid Coverage of Continuous Glucose Monitors	Mandates Medicaid to cover continuous glucose monitors for certain individuals with diabetes.	AMEND	Draft Awaiting Internal Approvals
746	Licensure for Aliens with Work Permits	Provides for the occupational or professional licensure of an individual who fulfills the requirements to practice an occupation or profession in Arkansas and who holds a Federal Form I-766.	AMEND	Draft in Development
780	Welfare Programs, Eligibility verification	Affects both SNAP and Medicaid: Requires data matches with the Lottery, Racing Commission, DWS, and ADH; additional reporting; and 180-day limit on PHE wind down.	AMEND	Draft in Development
830	Medicaid Coverage of Vagus Nerve Stimulation	Requires DHS to establish separate Medicaid reimbursement rates for vagus nerve stimulation therapy at 100% of in addition to the surgery fees already listed. Will require SPA, rules changes, and system changes.	AMEND	Draft in Development
1017	DHS as LTC Regulator	Clarifies language to provide that DHS is the regulator over all LTC facilities.	AMEND	Draft in Development