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RE: Acts of the 2023 Session Requiring Rulemaking

Dear Ms. Miller-Rice,

Please allow this letter to update the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) initial report regarding Acts requiring agency rulemaking. Attached is an update on the status of each rule in progress.

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
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	In Public Comment 9/22/23 through 10/21/23 (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	Pending Approval by Governor's Office (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