

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Monday, November 25, 2024

10:00 AM

Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair
Sen. Dan Sullivan, Vice-Chair
Sen. Scott Flippo
Sen. David Wallace
Sen. Bryan King
Sen. Clint Penzo
Sen. Justin Boyd
Sen. Fredrick J. Love

Rep. Lee Johnson, Chair
Rep. Josh Miller, Vice-Chair
Rep. Jeff Wardlaw
Rep. Jon S. Eubanks
Rep. Stephen Magie
Rep. Richard Womack
Rep. Deborah Ferguson
Rep. Jack Ladyman
Rep. Mary Bentley
Rep. Justin Gonzales

Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson
Rep. Fred Allen
Rep. Aaron Pilkington
Rep. Mark Perry
Rep. Bart Schulz
Rep. Kendra Moore
Rep. Ryan A. Rose
Rep. Zack Gramlich
Rep. R. Scott Richardson
Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge

- A. Call to Order
- B. Consideration to Approve the October 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit B]**
- C. Presentation on the Arkansas Poison and Drug Information Center (APDIC) **[Exhibit C]**
 - 1. Howell Foster, Pharm. D., DABAT, Director, Arkansas Poison Control Center, UAMS
 - 2. Ari B. Filip, M.D., UAMS
 - 3. Andy Davis, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Relations and Chief Government Affairs Officer, UAMS
- D. Request for Approval of a Program to Reduce or Eliminate Prior Authorizations for a Healthcare Provider Pursuant to Act 575 of 2023 **[Exhibits D1-D5]**
 - 1. Brad Nye, Government Relations Director, Summit Community Care
 - 2. David Donohue, President, CareSource
 - 3. Cory Cox, Director of Government Relations, CareSource
 - 4. Mitch Morris, Chief Executive Officer, Empower Healthcare Solutions
 - 5. Jack Hopkins, Director, Arkansas Total Care
 - 6. Lauren Grounds, LPC, Senior Director of Medical Management, Arkansas Total Care
- E. Department of Energy & Environment (E&E), Division of Environmental Quality, Review of Rule, Rule No. 36, Tire Accountability Program **[Exhibit E]**
 - 1. Bailey Taylor, Director and Chief Administrator of the Environment, Division of Environmental Quality, E&E
 - 2. Lauren Ballard, Chief of Staff, E&E
- F. Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule, Emergency Medical Technicians as Other Licensed Practitioners **[Exhibit F]**
 - 1. Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS
 - 2. Lori McDonald, Chief of Staff, DHS

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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- G. DHS, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Review of Rule, Autism Services for Children on Medicaid & REPEALS: FBI Background Check Form; First Connections Program Under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Act **[Exhibit G]**
1. Melissa Weatherton, Director, Specialty Medicaid Services, DHS
 2. Jennifer Brez'ee, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, DHS
 3. Thomas Tarpley, Deputy Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, DHS
 4. Lori McDonald, Chief of Staff, DHS
- H. Consideration to Approve Arkansas Legislative Study on Mental and Behavioral Health Pursuant to Act 512 of 2023 **[Exhibits H1-H2]**
- I. Discussion of Disability Rights Arkansas, Inc. **[Exhibit I] [Handouts I1-I3]**
1. Tom Masseur, Executive Director, Disability Rights Arkansas
 2. Thomas Nichols, Director of Legal and Advocacy Services, Disability Rights Arkansas
- J. Consideration for Adoption of Interim Study Proposals (ISP) **[Exhibits J1-J24]**
1. ISP 2023-125 by Senator Clint Penzo – An Act to Establish the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact; And for Other Purposes
 2. ISP 2023-126 by Senator Clint Penzo – An Act to Create the Naturopathic Physician Practice Act; To Provide for Licensure of Naturopathic Physicians in Arkansas; To Create a Naturopathic Physician Advisory Committee to the Arkansas State Medical Board; And for Other Purposes
 3. ISP 2023-129 by Senator Clint Penzo – An Act to Authorize a Physician Assistant to Delegate Certain Tasks; And for Other Purposes
 4. ISP 2023-130 by Senator Clint Penzo – An Act to Amend the Definition of “Audiology” Relating to the Practice of Audiologists; And for Other Purposes
 5. ISP 2023-132 by Senator Clint Penzo – An Act to Authorize the Arkansas Medicaid Program to Recognize a Physician Assistant as a Primary Care Provider; And for Other Purposes
 6. ISP 2023-142 by Senator Clint Penzo – Requesting the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Study the Modernization of the Arkansas Athletic Trainers Act and Recommend Changes to Update the Language to Reflect Modern Educational Standards
 7. ISP 2023-146 by Senator Clint Penzo – Requesting the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Study Authorizing Certified Nursing Aides, Also Known as Certified Nursing Assistants, To Perform Additional Care and Duties in In-Home Settings if Appropriately Trained on the Skill Which is Being Performed or Assisted With and Consented to by a Patient or a Patient’s Representative
 8. ISP 2023-128 by Representative Aaron Pilkington – An Act to Authorize an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse to Delegate Certain Tasks to Medical Assistants and Other Unlicensed Staff; And for Other Purposes
 9. ISP 2023-131 by Representative Aaron Pilkington – An Act to Increase Access to Healthcare Services Provided by Advanced Practice Registered Nurses; To Amend the Prescriptive Authority of an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse; And for Other Purposes
 10. ISP 2023-148 by Representative Aaron Pilkington – Requesting the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor Study the Licensure of Recreational Therapists in This State
 11. ISP 2023-133 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Establish the Arkansas Anesthesiologist Assistant Act; To Provide for Licensure of Anesthesiologist Assistants; And for Other Purposes
 12. ISP 2023-134 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Clarify the Types of Epinephrine for Use in Elementary and Secondary Schools in This State; And for Other Purposes
 13. ISP 2023-135 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Adopt the Emergency Medical Services Personnel Licensure Interstate Compact in Arkansas; And for Other Purposes
 14. ISP 2023-136 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Adopt the Dietitian Licensure Compact in Arkansas; And for Other Purposes
 15. ISP 2023-137 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Authorize a Licensed Psychological Practitioner to Practice Independently in This State; To Remove the Independent Practice Privileges from Psychological Examiners; And for Other Purposes
 16. ISP 2023-138 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Remove the Limitation of the Practice of Neuropsychology from Technicians Employed by Psychologists; To Allow Psychology Technicians to be Employed by Psychologists; And for Other Purposes

17. ISP 2023-139 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Allow Psychologists to Enter into Collaborative Practice Agreements with Psychiatrists in Order to Have Prescriptive Authority for Certain Drugs; And for Other Purposes
18. ISP 2023-140 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Modify the Signature Authority for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistants; To Clarify That Durable Medical Equipment Includes Diabetic Shoes and Shoe Inserts; And for Other Purposes
19. ISP 2023-141 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Create the Community Health Worker Act; To Establish a Statewide Certification for Community Health Workers; And for Other Purposes
20. ISP 2023-143 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Establish the Doula Certification Act; To Certify Doulas in This State; And for Other Purposes
21. ISP 2023-144 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Establish the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact; And for Other Purposes
22. ISP 2023-145 by Representative Lee Johnson – An Act to Adopt the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact in Arkansas; And for Other Purposes
23. ISP 2023-127 by Representative Zack Gramlich – An Act to Authorize Prescriptive Authority for Certain Psychologists; And for Other Purposes
24. ISP 2023-147 by Representative Mary Bentley – An Act to Amend the Full Practice Authority of a Certified Nurse Midwife to Allow Admitting Privileges; And for Other Purposes

K. Status Update of Act 974 of 2019 **[Exhibit K]**

- Mary Franklin, Director, Division of County Operations, Department of Human Services

L. Other Business

M. Adjournment