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## **Proposed Rule Cover Sheet**

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## NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING and NOTICE to INTERESTED PARTIES

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Section of Health Facility Services (HFS) will hold a public hearing on September 3, 20200 at 9:00 a.m. in the Freeway Medical Tower, Suite 801, 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Little Rock, AR, 72204 to allow interested persons an opportunity to comment on proposed revisions to the Rules for Orthotic, Prosthetic, and Pedorthic Providers in Arkansas promulgated pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§17-107-101 et seq. Proposed revisions are available on the ADH website: <a href="https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/proposed-amendment-to-existing-rules">https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/proposed-amendment-to-existing-rules</a>

The public is strongly encouraged to provide comments by e-mail to minimize the risk of Covid-19. E-mail comments to: <a href="mailto:jane.gaskill@arkansas.gov">jane.gaskill@arkansas.gov</a> or by regular mail to: HFS Rules Comments, 5800 W. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Ste. 400, Little Rock, AR 72204. All comments must be received by 10:00 a.m. on September 3, 2020.

Proposed revisions will include: define returning military veteran; qualifications for reciprocity for applicants from other states or jurisdictions; requirements for immediate licensing consideration for military service; pre-licensure criminal background checks; waiver requests for listed disqualifying events for potential applicants; and clarified criminal history to reflect statutory language.

Covid-19 temperature check, completion of screening questionnaire, facial covering, and physical distancing will be required of all attendees. In addition, group size will be limited. Attendees should bring a cell phone and be prepared to wait in their individual cars until summoned as space becomes is available.