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# Arkansas Department of Health

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## Social Work Licensing Board

Ruthie Bain, Director

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Interest Persons

FROM: Ruthie Bain, Director

DATE: March 30, 2020

SUBJECT: Proposed Rules for Arkansas Social Workers

As a part of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act (§25-15-204) process, attached for your review and comment are proposed rule revisions.

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All comments must be submitted in writing to the Arkansas Social Work Licensing Board no later than May 1, 2020.

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**Ruthie Bain**

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**From:** legalads@arkansasonline.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 3:24 PM  
**To:** Ruthie Bain  
**Subject:** Re: Publication questions  
**Attachments:** image003.jpg  
  
**Importance:** High

\$279.45 to run Mon 3/30, Tues 3/31, and Wed 4/1.

So you'll understand, this notice will run in print only in Benton County, Madison County, and Washington County, but will be available digitally everywhere our subscribers happen to be.

We can invoice your agency.

Let me know what you decide before 12 noon this Friday March 27th.

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**From:** "Ruthie Bain" <Ruthie.Bain@arkansas.gov>  
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**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2020 2:48:32 PM  
**Subject:** Publication questions

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I have attached the notice. Can you tell me up front what the cost would be? I may be able to shorten if needed.

How do you bill me for the notice? Is the information below enough information?

Sorry for all the questions. I want to do it right.

Ruthie

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**From:** legalads@arkansasonline.com  
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**To:** legalads@arkansasonline.com  
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**Subject:** RE: Publication questions

Thank you for the information. Please go ahead and run on the dates listed and send me an invoice.

Thank you

Ruthie

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Thanks,

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**To:** legalads@arkansasonline.com  
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**Subject:** RE: Publication questions

I am so Sorry!

When reviewing my document, somehow when changing to May 1, it changed to 2016 without me noticing.

I have attached the update, May 1, 2020 notice.

Please forgive me for the additional work.

Ruthie

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Items to be reviewed on this Board meeting date:	Deadline:
April 13, 2020	Thursday, April 9, 2020
May 11, 2020	Thursday, May 7, 2020
June 8, 2020	Thursday, June 4, 2020
July 13, 2020	Thursday, July 9, 2020
August 11, 2020	Thursday, August 7, 2020
September 14, 2020	Thursday, September 10, 2020
Should there be inclement weather the Board may have to reschedule.	

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The Social Work Licensing Board was created by Act 791 of 1981 for the purpose of regulating the practice of social work in Arkansas

The mission of the Social Work Licensing Board is to protect the public by setting standards of qualification, training and experience for those who seek to represent themselves to the public as social workers and by promoting high standards of professional performance for those engaged in the practice of social work.

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### Proposed Rules

The Memorandum and Notice of Rulemaking linked below will be published in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette on March 30, 2020, March 31, 2020 and April 1, 2020. The Notice of Rulemaking gives instructions for leaving a comment. The public comment period ends May 1, 2020.

- [Memorandum and Notice of Rulemaking](#) - PDF
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