

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to Arkansas Code 20-10-203(b), the Director of the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services issues revisions to the Rules and Regulations for the Conducting Criminal Record Checks for Employees of Long Term Care Facilities and revisions to the Rules and Regulations for the Arkansas Long Term Care Facility Nursing Assistant Training Program. The rule for each entity will reduce agency cost by (\$30,000.00) per year by eliminating the phone based system. The rule will require facilities to have Internet access to the web-based system to conduct criminal background checks.

Regarding the Regulations for the Conducting Criminal Record Checks for Employees, the rule implements Act 516 of 2011, which created a universal or unified criminal background check that permits multiple types of activities owned by a single entity to conduct a single background check on an employee.

Copies of both sets of the proposed regulations may be viewed at the Office of Long Term Care, 700 South Main Street, Little Rock, Arkansas , by writing the Office of Long Term Care, Mail Slot S-409, P.O. Box 8059, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-8059, or on-line at:

<https://ardhs.sharepointsite.net/OLTC/Proposed%20Regulations/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

All comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days following the date of this newspaper notice.

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