

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to the U.S. Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 and Ark. Code Ann. 20-76-201, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the Department of Health and Human Services issues proposed changes to the Social Services Block Grant Program Manual.

Under this proposal the following changes will be made:

Section 2600 Waiver Process

Added “duration of the waiver request” to the requirement for a waiver.

Section 4110 Application for Services

The following was added under exceptions for completing a DHHS-100:

- C. Services to Division of Children and Family Services clients needed as a result of a case plan for family support/reunification, prevention or remedy abuse, neglect or exploitation of children, crisis intervention with children and families, and designed to help adoptive and extended families at risk or in crisis. Appropriate documentation (referrals, etc.) must be in the client’s file.
- D. Clients of the Division of Youth Services who are Status Eligible. The youth’s case record must contain the information listed in Section 4231 under the Status Eligibility category.

Section 4231 Applicant Eligibility Status

Deleted “SSBG services are directed toward low income individuals. For this reason the income support categories (TEA and SSI) should be utilized first, followed by income eligibility. Without regard to income and Division of Youth Services status eligibility should be used only when eligibility cannot be established in one of the other categories.”

Definition of Without Regard to Income, deleted : “if the client cannot be established as eligible under the first three categories listed above”. Added: “Services to Division of Children and Family Services clients needed as a result of a case plan for family support/reunification, prevention or remedy abuse, neglect or exploitation of children, crisis intervention with children and families, and designed to help adoptive and extended families at risk or in crisis may be provided without regard to income.”

Definition of Status Eligibility, deleted: “and who cannot be established as eligible under the first three categories listed above.”

Section 5120 Funds and Expenditures Not allowable for Matching

Deleted: “A. Donation of goods or services by a private agency or individual; B. Donation of property by a private agency or individual (Note that donation of property by a public agency is allowed under Section 5130 below).”

Section 5130 Donation or Use of Property as Match

Deleted “public” in the sentence “A public agency may donate property....”

Appendix A-1 Glossary of Terms

Revised the definition of Developmental Disabilities to change the age of onset from eighteen (18) to twenty-two (22) to comply with current law.

Appendix A-1 Component Definitions

Reinserted the definition for Child Day Care which was deleted by mistake in the previous amendment.

Copies of the proposed changes may be obtained by writing the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Finance and Administration, P.O. Box 1437, Slot W405, Little Rock, AR 72203-1437 or by calling 501-682-6586 or emailing dianne.cooper@arkansas.gov . Alternate formats (large print, audio tape, etc.) will be provided upon request. All comments must be submitted in writing within 30 days of the date appearing below or 30 days following the date of the first newspaper notice, whichever is the longest period.

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Date