

Arkansas Department of Human Services

Division of Behavioral Health

Rule establishing reasonable charges for costs of treatment

Authority: The following rule is adopted and promulgated pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the laws of the State of Arkansas, Ark. Code Ann. §5-2-305(j).

Purpose: This rule establishes reasonable charges for costs of treatment that a person or entity that provides treatment may impose pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§5-2-301 et seq. The following rules supplement, but do not supplant, other laws and rules.

I. A person or entity subject to this rule shall be in compliance within 30 days of its effective date.

II. Charges for costs of treatment may not exceed the actual cost of the treatment.

III. Collection of any charges imposed under this rule shall be postponed based upon:

- a. Clinical considerations or
- b. The patient's inability to pay.

IV. Charges imposed under this rule shall be waived for defendants who:

- a. Plead guilty or nolo contendere or
- b. Are found guilty at trial.

V. Charges for costs of treatment shall be based upon and not exceed the charges contained in the Charge Description Master maintained by the Arkansas State Hospital.