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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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B-260 Former Foster Care Adults

MS Manual 01/01/2023

This group consists of adults up to twenty-six (26) years of age who aged out of foster care in Arkansas. There is no income or resource test. Other than the general Health Care eligibility requirements that all Health Care eligibles must meet ([MS D-100](#)), the requirements for eligibility in this group are that the adult was in foster care in Arkansas, was enrolled in Health Care when aging out of foster care at eighteen (18) to twenty-one (21) years of age depending on the individual circumstances and is currently under twenty-six (26) years of age.

Individuals in this group receive the full range of Health Care benefits.

Note: If an individual has aged out of foster care in one state, and they move to another state, they are eligible for Former Foster Coverage if all other general Health Care eligibility requirements are met. This applies only to youth who reach eighteen (18) years of age on or after January 01, 2023.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

DEPARTMENT Department of Human Services

DIVISION Of County Operations

PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT Jason Callan

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To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE SUPPORT Act changes for Former Foster Care Youth

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact? Yes ☒ No ☐
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule? Yes ☒ No ☐
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes ☒ No ☐

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

(a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

(b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

(c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;

(d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority; and if so, please explain.

4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

(a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue	<u>\$ 11,124</u>
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 28,072</u>
Cash Funds	<u> </u>
Special Revenue	<u> </u>
Other (Identify)	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 39,195</u>

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	<u>\$ 22,247</u>
Federal Funds	<u>\$ 56,143</u>
Cash Funds	<u> </u>
Special Revenue	<u> </u>
Other (Identify)	<u> </u>
Total	<u>\$ 78,390</u>

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

Current Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$ _____
Federal Funds	\$ _____
Cash Funds	_____
Special Revenue	_____
Other (Identify)	_____
Total	\$ _____

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue	\$ _____
Federal Funds	\$ _____
Cash Funds	_____
Special Revenue	_____
Other (Identify)	_____
Total	\$ _____

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

Current Fiscal Year

\$ _____

Next Fiscal Year

\$ _____

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6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

Current Fiscal Year

\$ 11,124

Next Fiscal Year

\$ 22,247

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7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;
- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
 - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
 - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;

- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
 - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
 - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
 - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.

Medical Services Policy Section B-260
SUPPORT Act Changes for Former Foster Care Youth

Why is this change necessary? Please provide the circumstances that necessitate the change.

With the new federal requirements from the Children's Bureau, Former Foster Care coverage should be available to individuals that age out of foster care in one state and move to another. This only applies to youth who reach eighteen (18) years of age on or after January 01, 2023 (and meet all other eligibility requirements). The Medical Services Policy is being updated to reflect these changes.

What is the change?

The following are changes to Policy B-260:

1. Updated MS Manual date to 01/01/23; and
2. Added note: If an individual has aged out of foster care in one state, and they move to another state, they are eligible for Former Foster Coverage if all other general Health Care eligibility requirements are met. This applies only to youth who reach eighteen (18) years of age on or after January 01, 2023.

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of County Operations of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§20-76-201, 20-77-107, and 25-10-129.

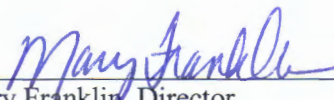
Effective January 1, 2023:

The Director of the Division of County Operations amends Medical Services Policy Manual Section B-260 to provide Medicaid coverage to eligible “former foster youth” who age out of foster care in one state and then move to a new state based on Section 1002 of the SUPPORT Act. The proposed rule estimates a financial impact of \$39,195 (\$28,072 of which is federal funds) for state fiscal year (SYF) 2023 and \$78,390 (\$56,143 of which is federal funds) for SYF 2024.

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download the proposed rule at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/do-business-with-dhs/proposed-rules/>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov. All public comments must be received by DHS no later than October 31, 2022. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter’s name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the Office of Rules Promulgation at 501-534-4138.

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