REPORT OF THE
HOSPITAL, MEDICAID, AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
STUDY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

October 17, 2025

Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves, Co-Chairs:

The Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee met Monday, October 13, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in Committee Room A, Multi Agency Complex, Little Rock, Arkansas. The Subcommittee heard testimony on the following items:

1. Update from the Department of Human Services (DHS) – Division of County Operations
2. Update on Reimbursement Rates Under the Living Choices Assisted Living Waiver by DHS

The Subcommittee approved a motion made by Senator Irvin to adopt the Preliminary Report required by Act 1004 of 2025, Section 13, regarding the DHS Comprehensive Review. The motion was seconded by Representative Crawford and carried by voice vote.

On Thursday, October 16, 2025, the Subcommittee met again to discuss testimony related to Benefit Cliffs and Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE).

Respectfully submitted, Senator Jane English and Representative Mary Bentley

ARKANSAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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The Honorable Ben Gilmore, Senate Co-Chair
The Honorable Les Eaves, House Co-Chair
Arkansas Legislative Council
Room 315, State Capitol
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Senator Gilmore and Representative Eaves,

In June of 2025, the ALC-Hospital, Medicaid, and Developmental Disabilities Study Subcommittee initiated a comprehensive review of the Department of Human Services (DHS) in accordance with Section 13 of Act 1004 of 2025. This review aims to assess the operational integrity and overall effectiveness of DHS in fulfilling its mission to serve the community.

To date, the Subcommittee has gathered and analyzed a range of testimonies concerning key operational areas, specifically focusing on the Division of Shared Services, the Division of Children and Family Services, and the Division of County Operations. These testimonies have provided insight into current practices, challenges faced, and potential opportunities for enhancement within the various divisions of DHS.

As of now, the Subcommittee does not have any formal recommendations, as it is committed to conducting a thorough evaluation of DHS operations. The Subcommittee recognizes the importance of this review and its implications for the administration of human services across the state, ensuring that the needs of the community are effectively met.

For any questions or additional information, please feel free to reach out at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Jane English/cs

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