

AGENDA
Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor
Meeting Jointly

Friday, October 2, 2026
10:00 AM
Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas

Sen. Missy Irvin, Chair	Rep. Jeff Wardlaw, Chair	Rep. Cameron Cooper
Sen. Dave Wallace, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jeremy Wooldridge, Vice-Chair	Rep. Jay Richardson
Sen. Scott Flippo	Rep. Stephen Magie	Rep. Denise Jones Ennett
Sen. Ricky Hill	Rep. Jack Ladyman	Rep. Wayne Long
Sen. Greg Leding	Rep. Mary Bentley	Rep. Bart Schulz
Sen. Clint Penzo	Rep. Kenneth B. Ferguson	Rep. Kendra Moore
Sen. John Payton	Rep. Fred Allen	Rep. Ryan A. Rose
Sen. Fredrick J. Love	Rep. Aaron Pilkington	Rep. Zack Gramlich
	Rep. Mark Perry	Rep. Glenn Barnes
	Rep. Lee Johnson	Rep. Dolly Henley

A. Call to Order

B. Consideration to Approve the September 1, 2026, Meeting Minutes **[Exhibit B]**

C. Overview of University of Arkansas Medical Sciences (UAMS) Co-Management Agreements

1. Andy Davis, Vice Chancellor of External Affairs and Facility Development, UAMS
2. Brian Jones, Vice Chancellor of Regional Campuses, UAMS
3. Brandon Robinson, Chief Legal Counsel, UAMS

~~D. Presentation on Pediatric Complex Care of Arkansas~~

E. Discussion of Community and Employment Support (CES) Waiver Waitlist

1. Jennifer Brezée, Director, Division of Developmental Disabilities Services, Department of Human Services (DHS)
2. Paula Stone, Director, Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, DHS

F. Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services, Review of Rule, Physician Assistants and Clinical Nurse Specialists as Primary Care Providers **[Exhibit F]**

- Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services, DHS

G. Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), Division of Health Protection, Health Facility Services Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Conducting Criminal History Record Checks for Home Health, Hospice, and Private Care Agencies in Arkansas **[Exhibit G]**

1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services Section
2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH

H. ADH, Division of Health Protection, Health Facility Services Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Freestanding Birthing Centers in Arkansas **[Exhibit H]**

1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services Section
2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH

Note: All exhibits for this meeting are available by electronic means and are accessible on the General Assembly's website at www.arkleg.state.ar.us

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- I. ADH, Division of Health Protection, Health Systems Licensing and Regulation Section, Review of Rule, Rules for In Vitro Fertilization in Arkansas **[Exhibit I]**
 - 1. Paula Day, Section Chief, Health Facility Services Section
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- J. ADH, Division of Health Protection, Personal Care Services Branch, Review of Rule, Rules for the Arkansas Kidney Disease Program **[Exhibit J]**
 - 1. Dr. Charles Bedell, Branch Chief, Personal Care Services Branch, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- K. ADH, Division of Health Protection, Pharmacy Services Section, Review of Rule, Rules for Public Access to Epinephrine **[Exhibit K]**
 - 1. Nick Shull, Section Chief, Pharmacy Services Section, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- L. ADH, Office of Alcohol Testing, Review of Rule, Rules for Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices **[Exhibit L]**
 - 1. Laura Bailey, Director, Office of Alcohol Testing, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- M. ADH, Division of Public Health Practice, Environmental Health Branch, Review of Rule, Rules Pertaining to General Sanitation **[Exhibit M]**
 - 1. Terry Paul, Branch Chief, Environmental Health Branch, ADH
 - 2. Craig Smith, Attorney, ADH
 - 3. Charles Thompson, Attorney, ADH
- N. Other Business
- O. Adjournment