1058.0.0 **BARRIER FREE ARCHITECTURAL ACCESS POLICY**

It is the purpose of this policy to ensure architectural access for individuals with physical disabilities to all facilities owned, leased, or utilized by the Department of Human Services. It is the intent of this Department that all individuals are assured of an equal opportunity in employment and access to services through a barrier-free environment.

1058.1.0 **Applications**

This policy applies to all facilities owned, leased, or utilized by the Department of Human Services for the provision of services, either direct or in a support role. Said facilities shall comply with the Handicapped Accessibility Standards developed by Arkansas State Building Services.

1058.2.0 **Enforcement Responsibility**

It shall be the responsibility of the Director of the Division of Management Services to develop a system to assure enforcement of this policy, said system to include at a minimum:

1058.2.1 The issuance of procedures governing compliance with accessibility standards in the construction, renovation, or leasing of DHS facilities.

1058.2.2 Timely reviews of existing facilities for compliance with governing accessibility standards.

1058.2.3 The provision of technical assistance to appropriate Division Directors in the development of corrective action plans for facilities not meeting standards.

1058.2.4 Monitoring state and federal issuances relative to changes in accessibility standards that impact DHS facilities.

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