

**Appendix K Extension Amendments for Limited Items –  
Zoom Public Hearing Transcript 10/11/23 @ 10:00 CST**

**Mac Golden:** Good morning, everyone. Welcome to a public hearing on Appendix K Extension Amendments for Limited Items. Rick Henley, the Acting Deputy Director for the Division of Aging and Adult and Behavioral Health Services will announce the Notice of Rule Making. Then we will open the floor for public comments. Please utilize the raise hand feature via zoom if you would like to make a comment on the record. All official responses to public comments will appear on the DHS proposed rules website after the public comment period concludes. Mister Henley will now read the notice of rulemaking.

**Rick Henley:** Thank you Mac and Good Morning.

The Department of Human Services (DHS) 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.

The Director of the Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Services amends the ARChoices in Homecare and Living Choices Waivers to extend the date of the Workforce Stabilization Incentive Program to March 31, 2025. The plan implements the approved American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) spending plan. For the Living Choices Waiver, the current rates expire on November 10, 2023. DHS seeks to amend the base waiver to continue the current per person per day rate of \$81.59, with an additional 5% differential for rural facilities which totals \$85.67. The continuation of the foregoing rates within the proposed amendments reflects an average of \$83.63. As the rates remain the same as currently paid, there is no fiscal impact.

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 [ar.gov/dhs-proposed-rules](https://ar.gov/dhs-proposed-rules). Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). All public comments must be received by DHS no later than October 30, 2023. 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.

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**Mac Golden:** Thank you, Rick. Please let the record reflect we have five attendees for today's public hearing. If any attendee would like to make a public comment at this time utilize the raise hand feature via zoom, and you will be recognized to give your comment. I'll pause for a moment.

It does not appear that any attendee would like to make a comment today. We thank you for attending and this public hearing will now be closed.