

Counseling Service Payment Rate Update

- DHS is in the process of updating the payment rate for counseling services
- DHS will consider the following to determine the appropriate update:
 - Provider survey, to be released by July 11
 - Payment rates used for similar services by:
 - Other states in Region 6 (Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas **and other similar states**)
 - Medicare
 - Arkansas Medicaid access and utilization data

Timeline

- *DHS will distribute survey to AR mental health service providers July 8, 2022*
- *Providers will respond by July 25, 2022*
- *Review will be completed by August 31, 2022*
- *Rate updates will be submitted to CMS by September 15, 2022*
- *Rates will be published and applied as approved by CMS and state legislature*