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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STANDARDS PERTAINING TO HUMAN BREAST MILK BANKS

PURPOSE

The Arkansas Department of Health (Department) proposing amendments to the Standards Pertaining to Human Breast Milk Banks.

BACKGROUND

The purpose of these Standards is to comply with the requirements of Act 225 of 2021 regarding appropriate safety standards in the transporting, processing, and distributing of commercial human breast milk to protect the citizens of Arkansas.

KEY POINTS

These changes were required to reflect legislation, Act 225 (Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-140), during the 2021 legislative session.

DISCUSSION

It is proposed to modify the Rules Pertaining to Rabies Control as follows:

1. Update rule name to reflect language in Act 225 of 2021.
2. Update cover page including effective dates, Secretary of Health, and State Health Officer information.
3. 4.4.2 (page 7), we have removed the statement regarding the requirement for a baby's health care provider to provide a statement of known health or medical risks is no longer a requirement.
4. 4.4.4 (page 7), replaces the term Members of the Medications Committee to Medical Director and approved by the human breast milk bank's panel of consultants. This panel is referred to in section 3.2 and reflects what was already in the rules.
5. 4.4.4.5 (Page 8-9), removes a written list of specific medications that do not defer a potential donor; refers back to 4.4.4. and the Medical Director and panel of consultants determining which medications are permissible and which ones are not.
6. Section 6, 6.1 – 6.14 (page 10-13), these have been updated to reflect current practices. The

reasons for disqualification, either temporarily or totally, have been revised, and reflect current regulatory guidelines from AABB (Association for the Advancement of Blood and Biotherapies), US CDC, and other regulatory bodies, and these reasons are recognized and used by the Human Milk Bank Association of North America.

7. 6.15-6.19 (page 13) have been removed as these are no longer seen as reasons to disqualify individuals from donating milk, or they are thought to be covered by another listed reason.
8. Completely removed Section 7 (page 13-15), Temporary Disqualification, as concerns are addressed in Section 6.
9. Section 22.2 (page 23-24), updated spelling.