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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RULES FOR ORTHOTIC, PROSTHETIC, AND PEDORTHIC PROVIDERS IN ARKANSAS

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PURPOSE

The Arkansas Department of Health (Department) is seeking Governor Hutchinson's review of proposed amendments to the Rules for Orthotic, Prosthetic and Pedorthic Providers in Arkansas.

BACKGROUND

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-107-101 et seq., the Department has authority to promulgate the Rules for Orthotic, Prosthetic and Pedorthic Providers in Arkansas. These rules protect the health and safety of individuals receiving orthotic, prosthetic, or pedorthic services in Arkansas.

KEY POINTS

The proposed rule:

- Updates licensure requirements.
- Makes Changes to comply with Acts 135 445, 725 and 881 of 2021.

DISCUSSION

The Rules for Orthotic, Prosthetic and Pedorthic Providers in Arkansas are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas Board of Health pursuant to the authority expressly conferred by the laws of the State of Arkansas including, without limitation, the Arkansas Orthotics, Prosthetics, and Pedorthics Practice Act, specifically Ark. Code Ann. § 17-107-101 et seq.

There were four legislative acts – Act 135, Act 445, Act 725 and Act 811 – which required modification to the Rules for Orthotist, Prosthetist, and Pedorthist Providers in Arkansas.

The following changes are proposed:

- Modification for the automatic licensure requirements for uniformed service members for Act 135.

- Modifies the licensure requirements for Orthotic Assistants, Orthotic Prosthetic Assistants and Prosthetic Assistants from Act 445.
- Provision of waiver of initial fees associated with professional and occupational license for Act 725.
- Allows individuals to work and earn a paycheck while also fulfilling licensing requirements for Act 811.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the proposed amendments to the Rules for Orthotic, Prosthetic and Pedorthic Providers in Arkansas be approved as proposed by the Department.