



# Arkansas Department of Health

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## **PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RULES FOR PERFUSIONISTS 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 Perfusionists in Arkansas.

### **BACKGROUND**

Pursuant to A.C.A. § 17-101 et seq., the Department has authority to promulgate the Rules for Perfusionists in Arkansas. These rules establish minimum standards for licensure of Perfusionists in Arkansas. These standards are not static and are subject to periodic revisions in the future as new knowledge and changes in patient care trends become apparent. Perfusionists in Arkansas have a strong moral responsibility for providing optimum patient care and treatment.

### **KEY POINTS**

The proposed rule:

- Updates the definitions section.
- Makes Changes to comply with Acts 135 and 725 of 2021.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Rules for Perfusionists 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 Perfusionist Licensure Act, specifically Ark. Code Ann. § 17-104-101 et seq.

There were two legislative acts – Act 135 and Act 725 -- which required modification to the Rules for Perfusionist in Arkansas. Modification for the automatic licensure requirements for uniformed service members for Act 135. Provision of waiver of initial fees associated with professional and occupational license for Act 725.

The following changes are proposed:

### Section 3: Definitions

The following definitions were added for Bureau of Legislative Research (BLR) unless otherwise noted:

1. Automatic licensure (Act 135)
2. ABCP
3. BLS
4. CPS
5. ECMO
6. PADCAB
7. PALS
8. Uniformed service member (Act 135)
9. Uniformed service veteran (Act 135)
10. VAD

### Section 4: Licensure

1. Deleted “and/or” making one or the other through the document. (BLR)
2. Moved notification regarding address change to “Requirement” from “Display of License” (BLR)
3. Added Military licensure requirement (Act 135)
4. Added extension of license renewal. (Act 135)
5. Added extension of timeframe for continuing education. (Act 135)
6. Added Initial Licensure Fee Waiver (Act 725)

### Section 5: Code of Ethics

1. Deleted “and/or” making one or the other through the document. (BLR)

## **RECOMMENDATION**

We recommend that the proposed amendments to the Rules for Perfusionists in Arkansas be approved as proposed by the Department.