

**Cover Summary of Proposed Administrative Rules/Regulation
Arkansas Department of Health**

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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: *Rules for Hospices Agencies in Arkansas*

1. Subject: Rule revisions for Acts 70, 313, 716, 830
2. Amends existing rules
3. Authority: Ark. Code Ann. § 20-10-801 *et seq.*
4. Purpose:
 - *To amend the aide training requirements to include Alzheimer’s disease and dementia (Act 70)*
 - *To require posting of a written notice that attacking a healthcare professional is a felony (Act 313)*
 - *To amend the no patient left alone act regarding clergy members (Act 716)*
 - *To amend the patient right to know regarding licensure of a healthcare provider (Act 830)*
5. Changes as listed:
 - Section 8.P. – added requirement for written notice for attacking a healthcare professional.
 - Section 8.Q. – added requirement regarding healthcare provider not misleading the public regarding licensure.
 - Section 17.I.4 - added training requirements for Alzheimer’s disease and dementia for hospice aides.
 - Section 22.A.2. - amended to address clergy member visitation.
6. Financial impact: No financial impact.
7. Public Hearing: *N/A; Public comment period 12/01/2023 to 12/31/2023(est.)*
8. Proposed effective date: *March 1, 2024*

A strike-through copy of the proposed changes is attached.