

EMERGENCY RULEMAKING FINDINGS

AGENCY: Arkansas Department of Health

DIVISION: Administration-Advisory Board for Interpreters between Hearing Individuals and Individuals who are Deaf, Deafblind, Hard of Hearing, and Oral Deaf

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SHORT TITLE OF RULE: PROPOSED RULES GOVERNING THE ADVISORY BOARD FOR INTERPRETERS BETWEEN HEARING INDIVIDUALS AND INDIVISUALS WHO ARE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, HARD OF HEARING, OR ORAL DEAF & RULES GOVERNING THE LICENSURE OF PROVISIONAL AND QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS

1. Please check the reason you are seeking an emergency rule:

To prevent imminent peril to the public's health, safety, or welfare.

To implement a law or regulation that required a rule in less than thirty (30) days.

2. Please explain why you found that the emergency rule was necessary.

Act 1314 of 2013 requires that the Advisory Board members who are interpreters be licensed under the Act by January 1, 2014. The statute did not provide for setting up the Board until October of 2013. Therefore, we are seeking an emergency rule to abide by the statutory timeframe for licensing the interpreters who serve on the Advisory Board.