



Arkansas Department of Health

4815 West Markham Street • Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-3867 • Telephone (501) 661-2000

Governor Asa Hutchinson

Nathaniel Smith, MD, MPH, Director and State Health Officer

Summary of Public Comment Period

On October 3, 2014, the proposed amendments to the Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Testing of Newborn Infants were filed with the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library, and the Bureau of Legislative Research.

These proposed changes were submitted to the public for comment and a hearing was held on November 5, 2014. The Rules were reviewed by the Joint Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor on November 25, 2014, and by the Administrative Rules and Regulations Subcommittee of the Arkansas Legislative Council on December 3, 2013. No public comments were received.

Based upon questions received by the Bureau of Legislative Research staff, the Rules were amended to put the fee amount in the body of the Rule. *See Attached email.* **The fee is \$121.00 in the new version of the Rules.** This is an increase from the previous fee and was agreed upon by Arkansas Medicaid and the Arkansas Insurance Department. This change is non-substantive, because the fee increase was part of the initial public notice and the public was able to comment on this increase.