

## Summary of Rule Changes

1. **Criminal History rules:** In 2009, Arkansas Legislature combined various criminal background check statutes into one comprehensive statute, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-38-101 et seq. Revision reflects legislative changes, adds electronic checks, and adds category for private care agencies.
2. **Home Health Agency rules:** Add criminal checks to employee file record requirements; reformat rules.
3. **Hospice rules:** Add criminal checks to employee file record requirements; expand inpatient respite care facilities from “skilled nursing” to “nursing.” Change mirrors federal changes.
4. **Orthotic, Prosthetic, and Pedorthic Providers rules:** Incorporate changes in Act 200 of 2009, Ark. Code Ann. §17-107-304.
  - a. Reduce the number of years of experience for an assistant license from five (5) to three (3); and
  - b. Add to citation of authority.
5. **Private Care Agency rules:** Adds new citation of authority.