



## Arkansas Department of Health

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**Governor Asa Hutchinson**

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

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Dear In Home Services Colleagues,

In recent years, the health care industry has experienced many changes. In the wake of these changes, the Department has carefully analyzed our In Home Services operations. We have determined that the program is no longer sustainable for the agency due to financial constraints and competition from the private sector. Over the next several months, we will explore opportunities to transition our In Home Services to a private sector provider.

In this process, our patients will remain the priority. We will assist our patients as they transition to a new provider to ensure that their needs are met. We also remain committed to assisting our employees as they seek employment with the new provider or pursue other opportunities with the State. We anticipate that this process will take at least six months. Later this week we will begin providing more detailed information regarding this process.

I understand that this news is difficult. Please know that this decision was not taken lightly. I appreciate your service to the Arkansas Department of Health and the people of this state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Smith', is written over a horizontal line.

Nathaniel Smith, MD, MPH  
Director and State Health Officer