**7.4 Rescissions to the Arkansas’s Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency**

**Found in Disaster SPA 20-0024**

Effective January 1, 2023, DHS rescinds the following elections found in SPA Number 20-0024 (approved on March 16, 2021) to respond to the changing needs of the State of Arkansas considering the continued COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

1. 7.4.D.2 in its entirety, allowing the use of swing beds in critical access hospitals; and
2. 7.4.E.1 in its entirety, regarding the rate and payment of swing beds in critical access hospitals.

On October 10, 2021, DHS published Notice in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, a paper of state-wide circulation, that the above policies were sunsetting effective December 31, 2022. Public Comment spanned from October 10, 2021- November 8, 2021. The manual was reviewed by Legislative Council on December 17, 2021, and was effective January 1, 2022. The manual stated that all Covid policies would end on December 31, 2022.