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    The Arkansas Drug Director is a member and serves as chair of the council 11.
    The Council is responsible for overseeing planning, budgeting, and coordination
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    certify Peer Recovery Specialists for Arkansas 12."

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service standards (15-minute units under code H0038), documentation
requirements, benefit limits (e.g., 120 units per state fiscal year), and
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apex authority supervising the Medicaid program (Division of Medical Services)
and behavioral health programs (Division of Aging, Adult & Behavioral Health/
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The OSAMH Director (Paula Stone as of 2024) oversees the state's public mental
health and substance abuse services and related grants 19. This includes
supervision of initiatives like the Arkansas Peer Recovery program (the DHS
Recovery Office), training curricula for Peer Specialists, and grant-funded
recovery support projects. The OSAMH Director's authority ensures that peer
support services and the peer workforce are aligned with state behavioral health
policies and that multiple funding streams (Medicaid, federal SAMHSA block
grants, etc.) are coordinated to support peer programs.",
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the DHS Secretary 9. In practice, this role chairs the Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Coordinating Council
11, aligning efforts across agencies, and spearheads opioid response and
recovery programs (such as naloxone distribution and recovery housing). The Drug
Director's authority intersects with peer support through oversight of state
recovery initiatives and by influencing credentialing standards (via the
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Certified Peer Recovery Specialists and other stakeholders who provide guidance
on peer worker certification standards, ethics, training curriculum, and
integration of peers into the workforce. Through APAC's input, DHS (via OSAMH's
Recovery Unit) directs the Peer Recovery Specialist certification and placement
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in Arkansas. The Provider Enrollment Unit, operated by DHS's fiscal agent
contractor, is responsible for processing provider applications, verifying that
providers meet all state and federal requirements, and issuing Medicaid Provider
IDs21
22. This administrative authority directly impacts peer support services:
organizations like NAMI or peer specialists themselves must enroll as Medicaid
providers (or as performing providers under a supervising clinic) to bill for
peer support. Thus, the Provider Enrollment Unit controls which entities and
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