

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities hereby issues the following proposed medical assistance rule(s) under one or more of the following chapters or sections of the Arkansas Code: 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-48-101 et seq., 20-76-433, 25-10-129, and Title 20, Chapter 77.

The Department of Human Services Division of Developmental Disability Services (DDS) is proposing the following changes to DDS Policy:

- **DDS Policy #1091 will be split into two policies. New #1091 will cover the certification, investigation and monitoring policies and procedures specifically applicable and tailored toward the CES Waiver program. A new DDS Policy #1092 will set out the certification, investigation and monitoring policies and procedures specifically applicable to and tailored toward the First Connections program.**
- **DDS Policy # 1035 will be revised to mirror A.C.A § 20-48-101, which sets out DDS's categorical eligibility.**
- **DDS Policy #1087 sets out the requirements of criminal record checks, and will be revised to clarify language in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 20-38-101 *et seq.* and Ark. Code Ann. § 20-48-812. Additionally, the Standards for Conducting Criminal Records Checks for Employees of DDS Providers will be repealed, as it is duplicative of #1087.**

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Developmental Disability Services, Directors Office, 5th floor Donaghey Plaza North Building, 7th and Main Streets, P.O. Box 1437, Slot N501, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Division of Developmental Disability Services website (<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/ddds/Pages/default.aspx>). All comments must be submitted in writing, at the above address, or by email to shelbv.maldonado@dhs.arkansas.gov, no later than close of business on December 8, 2017.

A public hearing will be held on Monday, December 4, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in Conference Room A at the Department of Human Services Donaghey Plaza Complex South Building, 700 South Main, Little Rock, Arkansas.

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