

## 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:**

- **The current Child Health Management Services (CHMS) and Developmental Day Treatment Clinic Services (DDTCS) Medicaid Provider Manuals will sunset on July 1, 2018.**
- **The Early Intervention Day Treatment (EIDT) Provider Manual—The EIDT program will serve children who qualify based on a developmental assessment and also have a therapeutic or medical (nursing need). The billing codes will be simplified to streamline and eliminate the need for prior authorization. Children receiving services in DDTCS or CHMS centers as of July 1, 2018, and meet the eligibility criteria promulgated on October 1, 2017, for either a DDTCS children's program or a CHMS program, will be allowed enrollment in EIDT until June 30, 2019, as long as they meet the former criteria on July 1, 2018, and continue to meet the former criteria until June 30, 2019.**
- **The Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT) Provider Manual—The ADDT program will operate as the Adult DDTCS programs currently do. Additionally, ADDT providers will be able to provide nursing services to beneficiaries with prior authorization.**
- **The existing DDS Standards for Certification, Investigation, and Monitoring for Center-Based Community Services are being applied to the new EIDT and ADDT centers. Current DDTCS and CHMS centers will be grandfathered in as EIDT or ADDT licensed programs until June 30, 2019, at which time they will have to renew their license as an EIDT or ADDT.**
- **The Transportation Provider Manual—DDTCS transportation services will be extended, so that both EIDT and ADDT providers may provide those services to their clients.**
- **The Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy (Therapy) Provider Manual—The physician referral requirement is being changed from every six months to annually so that the referral aligns with the annual comprehensive evaluation requirement for EIDT and ADDT programs. Additional edits were made to comply with the changes made in July 2017.**

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Developmental Disability Services, Directors Office, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 [shelby.maldonado@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:shelby.maldonado@dhs.arkansas.gov), no later than close of business on May 8, 2018.

A public hearing will be held on April 18, 2018 at 5:00 pm, at the Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center Auditorium, 100 Rock Street, Little Rock, AR.

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## **SUMMARY OF TRANSPORTATION MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL**

Beginning on July 1, 2018, DDS is sunsetting the current Developmental Day Treatment Clinic Services (DDTCS) and Child Health Management Services (CHMS) and creating the Early Intervention Day Treatment (EIDT) and Adult Developmental Day Treatment (ADDT).

DDS is amending the Transportation Provider Manual to allow ADDT and EIDT providers to provide transportation services, just as the DDTCS providers were able to do under the previous program. This decision was based upon a cost analysis comparing the current DDTCS transportation utilization and rate to the utilization and rate under the Non- Emergency Transportation (NET) currently used CHMS.