

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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## NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services hereby issues, for a thirty-day public comment period, a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed medical assistance rule(s) under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§ 20-76-201, 20-77-107, 20-77-124, and 25-10-129.

**Effective March 1, 2020**, the Autism Waiver and the Autism Waiver Medicaid Provider Manual are amended to:

- Update language to reflect Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), current program, and service names.
- Update requirements for providers and consultants under Enrollment Criteria.
- Pursuant to Acts 2019, No. 874, § 15, expand capacity to provide intensive early intervention treatment for 30 additional children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).
- Increase the unduplicated number to account for the increased slots.
- Update benefit limits.
- Combine Plan Implementation and Monitoring service with Individual Assessment to create one service description: Individual Assessment/Plan Development/Team Training/Monitoring.
- Change scope of coverage's maximum age to "through seven (7) years"
- Recognize that evidence-based practices are from updated National Autism Center's National Standards Project, Second Edition.
- Reflect that the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services took over the administration of the Autism Waiver and is now the operating agency.

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access and download the proposed rule on the Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/General/Comment/Comment.aspx>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). All public comments must be received by DHS no later than January 10, 2020. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

A public hearing will be held on January 7, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the Darragh Center Auditorium, Main Library, 100 Rock Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.

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