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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet



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NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§20-76-201, 20-77-107 and 25-10-129.

Effective January 1, 2022:

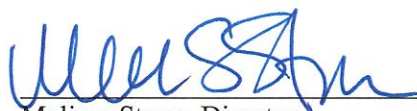
The Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities Services (DDS) rescinds the Occupational, Physical, and Speech Language Therapy Services Manual and replaces it with a new Occupational, Physical, and Speech Language Therapy Services Manual. DDS adds telemedicine services requirements to the manual, including a hyperlink to billable telecommunication codes. DDS adds to the Retrospective Review Section that the Quality Improvement Organization will review all billed services delivered via telemedicine. DDS also re-organizes the manual, removes duplications, and makes technical changes. Procedure codes and evaluation instruments are removed and replaced with hyperlinks. Medically necessary occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language pathology services reimbursement criteria for weekly services is added.

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 at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/do-business-with-dhs/proposed-rules/>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov. All public comments must be received by DHS no later than **November 8, 2021**. 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 by remote access only through a Zoom webinar will be held on **October 28, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.** and public comments may be submitted at the hearing. Individuals can access this public hearing at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89990074908>. The webinar ID is **899 9007 4908**. If you would like the electronic link, "one-tap" mobile information, listening only dial-in phone numbers, or international phone numbers, please contact ORP at ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov.

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