NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to one or more of the following Arkansas Codes, 20-76-201(13), 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 20-77-102, 20-77-107, 20-77-603, 25-10-129, the Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed changes in the Medical Assistance Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

The Division of Medical Services proposes policy changes for the following Medicaid provider policy manuals: ARKids First-B No. 23; Certified Nurse-Midwife No. 59; Child Health Management Services No. 57; Child Health Services/Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Update No. 63; Children's Services Targeted Case Management No. 12; Developmental Day Treatment Clinic No. 60; Developmental Disabilities Services Alternative Community Services (DDS ACS) No. 51; Division of Youth Services and Division of Children and Family Services Targeted Case Management No. 4; Elder Choices No. 50; Home Health No. 69; Hospital/Critical Access Hospital (CAH)/End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) No. 76; Licensed Mental Health (LMHP) No. 44; Nurse Practitioner No. 52; Private Duty Nursing No. 56; Rehabilitative Hospital No. 53; Rehabilitative Services for Youth and Children (RSYC) No. 14; School-Based Mental Health Services No. 17; Transportation No. 67; Ventilator No. 50 and Visual Care No. 62. Effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2005, procedure codes with modifiers 22 and 52 must be filed using replacement modifiers UA and UB respectively. This change is made in order to comply with national coding standards.

There are other minor changes or previously promulgated changes in some of the updates.

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437 or by telephoning 501-682-8368 to receive a copy. You may also access it on the Medicaid website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us), and download it from the "Proposed Rules For Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than June 1, 2005.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 682-6789 and 1-877-708-8191. Both telephone numbers are voice and TDD.

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