

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 (DMS) is revising Section I of the Arkansas Medicaid Provider Manuals to:

- Add an exemption from the PCCM program for physicians who practice exclusively in Area Health Education Centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Allow physicians who customarily carry a caseload of patients who are 21 years of age or older to refer patients for ESPDT screens rather having to furnish the screens themselves
- Advise PCPs that the EPSDT screening schedule recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics can be found in the Child Health Services manual.

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. 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 __APRIL 13, 2006__.

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