

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:

Effective January 1, 2008, Ambulatory Surgical Center; Arkansas Department of Health; Certified Nurse-Midwife; Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist(CRNA);Critical Access Hospital; End-Stage Renal Disease; Family Planning; Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC); Home Health; Hospital; Independent Radiology; Nurse Practitioner; Oral Surgeon; Pharmacy; Physician; Podiatry; Private Duty Nursing ; Prosthetics; Rehabilitative Hospital; Rural Health Clinic (RHC); and Transportation provider manuals will be revised in order to inform providers of the (NDC) National Drug Code requirement for physician-administered drugs. This rule is necessary in order to comply with the Federal Deficit Reduction Act of 2005; Section 447.220.

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 November 29, 2007.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (501) 682-8323 or (501) 682-6789 (TDD).

The Arkansas Department of Human Services is in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act and is operated, managed and delivers services without regard to religion, disability, political affiliation, veteran status, age, race, color or national origin. **4500766919 EL**

Roy Jeffus, Director
Division of Medical Services

Date: October 31 – November 2, 2007