

## 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 purpose of the proposed rule is to increase the number of generic drugs with maximum allowable costs. The increase in the dispensing rate for generic drugs will shift use from name brand drugs to generic drugs and create savings for the state. The amendment will promote efficiency and economy, safeguard against unnecessary utilization of more expensive name brand drugs by increasing the use of less costly therapeutically equivalent generic drugs and ensure quality of care and access.**

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](http://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 February 21, 2008.

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).

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Division of Medical Services

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