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 and Pursuant to Section 112 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) and Section 1905(p)(1)(C) of the Social Security Act:

Effective January 1, 2010, the Department of Human Services issues proposed changes to Medical Services Policy 23010 and 23110; also the accompanying proposed change is being incorporated into the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan. The proposed change is to increase the resource limits for the Medicare Savings Medicaid Program. The projected budget impact for the remainder of State Fiscal Year 2010 is an increase in expenditures of \$35,433 in State General Revenue and \$145,902 in Federal match monies.

Copies of the proposed change in the Medical Services Policy may be obtained by writing the Division of County Operations, P.O. Box 1437, Slot S-332, Little Rock, AR 72203, Attention: Office of Program Planning & Development. You may also access it on the DHS website http://www.arkansas.gov/dhs/NewDHS/notices.html#Public_Comment. The proposed change in the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Development and Quality Assurance, 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. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address(es) indicated above no later than January 29, 2010.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 501-682-8323 (Local); 1-800-482-5850, extension 2-8323 (Toll-Free); or to obtain access to these numbers through voice relay: 1-800-877-8973 (TTY Hearing Impaired).

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