NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed medical assistance rule(s) under one or more of the following chapters or sections of the Arkansas Code: 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 25-10-129, and Title 20, Chapter 77.

Effective July 1, 2011, the Hearing Services provider policy manual is revised to allow school districts and education service cooperatives (ESCs) to perform certain audiology services within the school setting. This rule describes the participation criteria for schools and ESCs; the scope of services that schools and ESCs can provid; procedure codes that are non-payable to schools and ESCs; and the national place of service code that must be used to identify the school or ESC setting when billing Arkansas Medicaid.

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 May 10, 2011.

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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