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, 2012, Arkansas Medicaid is launching a statewide mutli-payor Provider Portal for providers to report on a limited set of clinical metrics for specific cases. These metrics will be used for reporting, tracking and monitoring each episode of care. A clarification will be added to Section I of the provider manual stating that Arkansas Medicaid providers must abide by the rules and regulations described in official notices specific to their programs.

The proposed policy 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. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than April 14, 2012.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 501-683-4120 (Local); 1-800-482-5850, extension 3-4120 (Toll-Free); or to obtain access to these numbers through voice relay: 1-800-877-8973 (TTY Hearing Impaired).

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