

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 February 1, 2012, Arkansas Medicaid will cover additional inpatient psychiatric days above the annual limit of twenty-four inpatient days for ages 21 and above. These additional days (1) will be limited to categorically needy Medicaid beneficiaries with acute, rare or severe neurological or psychiatric disorders, (2) must be certified by the Medical Assistance Program as medically necessary, (3) must be provided under an individualized treatment plan and (4) must be prior authorized/approved by the Division of Medical Services. Providers must meet all applicable standards and staff must include physicians who are board-certified in psychiatry, neurology, child and adolescent psychiatry, geriatrics, substance abuse, and forensic psychiatry.

Due to the intensive needs of the individuals receiving the proposed additional reimbursed days for psychiatric mental services, the proposed additional inpatient services will be provided solely in the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Psychiatric Research Institute. References to these additional days in the State Plan will be in tandem with the 1915(b)(4) waiver request approved by CMS.

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 August 21, 2012.

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