

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 January 1, 2013, the IndependentChoices provider manual will be amended to include:

- **correct verbiage to clarify policy**
- **the most current information regarding the rules and regulations in compliance with the Title XIX State Plan**
- **policy regarding IndependentChoices services available when the participant is hospitalized**
- **information regarding counselor's assistance with the coordination of agency services**
- **information regarding involuntary disenrollment from the program and**
- **Instructions for filing appeals with the Office of Appeal and Hearings.**

Also effective January 1, 2013, the State Plan Amendment section covering 1915(j) Self-Directed Personal Assistance Services is being amended. The following areas were addressed in the State Plan Amendment which updates the Independent Choices Program: voluntary and involuntary disenrollment, monitoring and oversight, quality assurance, participant feedback, program information, financial accountability and risk management.

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 October 13, 2012.

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