

## 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.

**The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved Arkansas' request to make changes to the following three 1915 ( c ) Home and Community -Based Services waiver programs: ElderChoices, Alternatives for Adults with Physical Disabilities (AAPD) , and Living Choices Assisted Living (LCAL) waiver.**

**The proposed revisions are planned for implementation January 1, 2013, and include the following:**

- **Implementation of an electronic universal assessment tool. The universal assessment tool will be utilized primarily for level of care determinations and in the plan of care development process for all three waivers.**
- **Living Choices Assisted Living (LCAL) waiver – Removal of the LCAL waiver service Pharmacist Consultant Services, due to historical underutilization of the service and no current participation by providers or beneficiaries.**
- **Changes to the recertification requirements for waiver providers holding a license from the Office of Long Term Care or the Arkansas Department of Health.**
- **The process for provider training and in-services has been revised and will be a collaborative effort of DAAS and the Division of Medical Services (DMS), the Medicaid State Agency.**

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](http://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.

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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