

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 for dates of service beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2014, in compliance with 42 CFR 447.405, 447.410 and 447.415, Arkansas Medicaid will implement an increase in reimbursement for certain primary care service Evaluation and Management (CPT©) Codes to specific identified qualifying physician specialties and/or other regulatory identified threshold percentage physician providers; and an increase in vaccine administration fees for (CPT©) Codes covered under the Vaccines for Children Program for these same qualifying providers. This will result in an annual estimated aggregate increase of \$45,000,000 for SFY 2014. The E & M reimbursement amounts will be determined based upon the difference between Medicare Part B rates, Medicare Physicians Fee Schedule for January 2009 or 2013 and 2014 respectively (whichever is larger) and the current Medicaid rates, on a code by code basis. The vaccine administration increase is based on a single rate which was in effect on July 1, 2009.

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 March 12, 2013.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our office at 320-6429.

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