

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 October 1, 2013 Arkansas Medicaid proposes to add Tonsillectomy episodes, Cholecystectomy episodes, Colonoscopy episodes and Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD) episodes to the Episodes of Care Medicaid manual and Arkansas State Plan to incentivize improved care quality, efficiency, and economy. The program uses episode-based data to evaluate the quality, efficiency, and economy of care delivered in the course of the episode, and to apply payment incentives. This proposed rule also updates formatting of the Episodes of Care Provider Manual and provides clarification to previous language. The estimated annualized savings for FFY2014 is \$780,069.

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 13, 2013.

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