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.

Department of Human Services, Medical Assistance Program Manual of Cost Reimbursement Rules For Long term Care Facilities is being amended. Analysis of Cost Report information indicates that an inflationary adjustment to the existing rate is warranted. The base rate for Under 16 Bed ICF/MR facilities will increase for dates of service beginning July 4, 2013 to \$195.43 per day. The budget impact associated with this rate change is projected at \$527,000 for State Fiscal Year 2014.

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 August 27, 2013.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our office at 501-320-6429.

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