

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 July 1, 2014, the Arkansas Department of Human Services is implementing the Arkansas Community First Choice program, the Living Choices HCBS Waiver, and the DDS HCBS Waiver. Arkansas Community First Choice is a component of the Arkansas Payment Improvement Initiative and consists of a new State plan option to provide home and community-based services and supports at a 6 percentage point increase in Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). Arkansas Medicaid has estimated that the 6 percentage point increase will apply to services totaling \$422 million in annual costs in state fiscal year 2015, representing \$332 million in federal spending and \$90 million in state spending.

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, at the above address, no later than April 8, 2014.

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

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Effective July 1, 2014 Arkansas will implement the Community First Choice Option established a new State plan option to provide home and community-based attendant services and supports at a 6 percentage point increase in Federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP). While this final rule sets forth the requirements for implementation of CFC, we are not finalizing §441.530, "Setting," at this time.