

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, 2014, Arkansas Medicaid proposes to adjust the thresholds for incentive payments for Perinatal Care episodes. The acceptable threshold for the Perinatal Care episodes will now be \$3,852.00 while the commendable threshold for the Perinatal Care episodes will now be \$3,245.00. Arkansas Medicaid also proposes to adjust the thresholds for incentive payments for Acute Exacerbation of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) episodes. The acceptable threshold for the COPD episodes will now be \$1,876.00 while the commendable threshold for the COPD episodes will now be \$1,339.00.

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 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, to the above address, in writing no later than July 22, 2014.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact Program Development and Quality Assurance at 501-320-6429.

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