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 January 1, 2015, the Arkansas Department of Human Services is implementing the Arkansas Community First Choice program. 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).

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 September 30, 2014.

On September 26, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. –3:00 p.m., the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public hearing in the conference room at the Cooperative Extension Service Auditorium 2301 S University Ave, Little Rock, AR. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comments on the Arkansas Community First Choice Medicaid provider manual.

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

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