

Public Notice

The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services (DMS), is providing public notice of its intent to transition the ARKids First-B program from an 1115(a) demonstration waiver to a CHIP separate child health program, to add additional services to the ARKids First-B benefit package and to provide notice of a public input hearing.

The ARKids First-B program provides coverage for uninsured children through age 18. ARKids First-B offers a less comprehensive benefit package than the State's traditional Medicaid program, which is referred to as ARKids First-A. ARKids First-B also requires co-payments. The ARKids First-B program utilizes the same provider system as ARKids First-A and operates under a primary care case management model. The objectives of the ARKids First-B program are to integrate uninsured children into the health care delivery system and to provide a benefit package comparable to State's Essential Benefit Plan-equivalent coverage.

The CHIP state plan amendment to transition the ARKids First-B to a CHIP separate child health program document and the update to the ARKids First-B Medicaid provider manual to reflect this transition and to add additional services to the ARKids First-B benefit package is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Development and Quality Assurance, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South, 700 South Main Street, P. O. Box 1437, S-295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437 or by telephoning 501-320-6429 or can be reviewed and downloaded at <https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us/InternetSolution/general/comment/comment.aspx>. Comments may be provided during the 30-day comment period (September 8 - October 7, 2014), during the public hearing, in writing to the Division of Medical Services, Program Development and Quality Assurance at the address indicated above or by e-mail to becky.murphy@dhs.arkansas.gov. All comments must be submitted by no later than midnight October 7, 2014.

On October 6, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public hearing in Conference Room B on the first floor of the Donaghey Plaza South Building, 700 South Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas. It will be necessary for you to check-in with the security desk in the lobby of the Donaghey Plaza South Building and present some form of picture identification before proceeding to Conference Room B. The purpose of this hearing is to accept public comments on the transition of the ARKids First-B to a CHIP separate child health program document and the update to the ARKids First-B Medicaid provider manual to reflect this transition and addition of four services to the ARKids First-B limited benefit package.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, call 501-320-6429.

4501452847 EL

Dawn Stehle, Director
Division of Medical Services