

## 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, 2015, Arkansas Medicaid proposes to implement the Medicaid Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Program. The proposed rule ensures that behavioral health care reimbursed by Medicaid is: (1) Family/consumer-driven and person-centered, to support and promote evidence-based, recovery-oriented practices that guide service delivery and payment efficiency, (2) Provides customized, culturally and linguistically competent, community-based services, (3) Offers the least restrictive care, (4) Utilizes a team-based approach to treatment decisions to address service needs, and (5) Ensures services are high quality based on data from outcomes and evaluation tools.**

**The proposed Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Program Medicaid provider manual as well as summary documents of the Behavioral Health Home State Plan Amendment and the 1915(i) State Plan Amendment is available for public comment. Copies of the actual State Plan Amendments are available upon request.**

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](http://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 November 4, 2014 to:

DHS Division of Medical Services  
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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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