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 May 1, 2015, Arkansas Medicaid proposes to update the Inpatient Psychiatric Services for Under Age 21 manual to put the criteria used to determine admission, exclusion, continuing stay and discharge of beneficiaries in the Inpatient Psychiatric Services for Under Age 21 program. The Inspection of Care (IOC) review tool utilized by the Medicaid contractor is also amended.

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 in writing no later than December 9, 2014 to:

DHS Division of Medical Services Program Development and Quality Assurance ATTN: Robbie Nix P.O. Box 1437, Slot S295 Little Rock, AR 72203-1437

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Email: Robert.Nix@dhs.arkansas.gov

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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