

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 for dates of service on and after July 1, 2015 Arkansas Medicaid maximum reimbursement rates for Private Duty Nursing services will increase. Registered Nurse services and RN supervisory visits will increase from \$38.50 to \$54.00 per hour and Licensed Practical Nurse services will increase from \$32.00 to \$37.00 per hour. These reimbursement changes are necessary to ensure access of Private Duty Nursing services for Arkansas Medicaid beneficiaries. The annual budget impact associated with this change is \$2,365,888.

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 28, 2015.

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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