

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, 2016, the Arkansas Department of Human Services is renewing the ElderChoices 1915(c) HCBS waiver. The renewal combines the ElderChoices and Alternatives for Adults with Physical Disabilities (AAPD) waivers into one waiver to be called the ARChoices in Homecare waiver covering participants 21 and older with a physical disability and individuals aged 65 and older. Effective January 1, 2016, the Department is also increasing the rate for Personal Care Services from \$4.19 to \$4.50 per 15 minute unit. The estimated annualized budget impact of the rate increase for the State Plan Personal Care Services is \$11,439,689.

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 1, 2015.

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