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 or after July 1, 2015 pending legislative approval Arkansas Medicaid Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) reimbursement rates are revised in accordance with Act 1236 of the 2015 General Assembly. These new reimbursement rates are based on 95% of the July 2015 Medicare (ASC) reimbursement amounts for the like services. The annualized budget impact associated with this change is projected at \$3,332,616.

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, to the above address, no later than September 19, 2015.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our office at 501-320-6429.

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