

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 January 1, 2016 on all claims and adjustments Arkansas Medicaid will change reimbursement for Medicare Part A pertaining to dually eligible Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries. The Medicaid reimbursement for Medicare Part A coinsurance and deductibles related to inpatient payment will be the lesser of the Medicaid allowed amounts minus the Medicare payment. If the Medicaid allowed amount minus the Medicare paid amount is zero or a negative number, Medicaid's reimbursement will also be zero. If the Medicaid payment amount is less than the Medicare payment rate the state is required to pay the Medicare Part A deductible/coinsurance on a crossover claim, the amount of payment is limited to the lesser of the deductible/coinsurance or the amount remaining after the Medicare payment. The estimated annualized savings is \$24,962,108.

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 September 29, 2015.

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