

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 October 1, 2016 Arkansas Medicaid proposes to add Hysterectomy, Appendectomy, Uncomplicated Pediatric Pneumonia and Urinary Tract Infection episodes to both the Episodes of Care Medicaid manual and the Arkansas State Plan, clarify definition of a Principal Accountable Provider (PAP) and clarify general policy guidelines regarding Episodes of Care. The estimated annualized savings for FFY2018 is \$254,170.10.

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 26, 2016.

On Monday, July 11, 2016 at 5:30 p.m., the Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public hearing at the Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center Auditorium, 100 Rock Street.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services requests public comment on the proposed rules in regards to adding new Episodes of Care to the Episodes of Care Provider Manual and Medicaid State Plan. The proposed policy can be located at <https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us/general/comment/comment.aspx>.

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