

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Developmental Disability 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.

The Community and Employment Supports (CES) Waiver [formerly Alternative Community Supports (ACS)] Certification Standards are being updated and amended to simplify and clarify the standards applicable to CES Waiver provider. The amendment includes, but is not limited to, the following changes:

- **Adding requirements for conflict free case management, including a stipulation that prohibits an organization from providing case management and any supportive living to the same person.**
- **Incorporating the Independent Assessment tool to evaluate all Waiver participants' level of need and to develop their individualized person centered service plan, along with the functional assessments and application packet.**
- **Adding the Home and Community Based Settings rule requirements.**
- **Adding solicitation prohibition.**
- **Removing and simplifying numerous provisions that place burdens on providers that are unrelated to providing necessary services to beneficiaries.**

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Developmental Disability Services, Director's Office, 5th floor Donaghey Plaza North Building, 7th and Main Streets, P.O. Box 1437, Slot N501, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Division of Developmental Disability Services website (<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/ddds/Pages/default.aspx>). All comments must be submitted in writing, at the above address, or by email to shelby.maldonado@dhs.arkansas.gov, no later than close of business on April 1, 2017.

A public hearing will be held on March 29, 2017, at 4:30 p.m. at the Darragh Center, Main Street Library, 100 S. Rock St., Little Rock, Arkansas.

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