

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.

The Arkansas Department of Human Services is updating the DDS HCBS Waiver AR 0188 and the Medicaid Provider Manual, Developmental Disabilities Services, Home and Community Based Services Waiver (formerly Alternative Community Services Waiver). The Waiver and the Provider Manual changes are identical.

This Waiver Amendments and Provider Manual edits add 500 slots to the Waiver pursuant to Act 50 of 2017; incorporate the Independent Assessment tool to evaluate all Waiver Participant's level of need and to develop their individualized person centered service plan, along with the functional assessments and application packet; modify service definitions for Supportive Living and Respite to reflect the new two Tier system used by the Independent Assessment; and clarify other portions of the Waiver, including service definitions, so that the Manual and the Waiver mirror each other.

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of 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 Medicaid website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us) or the DDS Website (<http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/ddds/Pages/default.aspx>). All comments must be submitted in writing, at the above address or to Shelby.maldonado@dhs.arkansas.gov, no later than April 1, 2017.

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

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