

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 proposed rule is to prior authorize an initial sixteen (16) treatments in a twelve (12) month period with no more than one (1) treatment per seven (7) calendar days of orthoptic and/or pleoptic training performed in a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist office for Medicaid eligible children ages twenty (20) and under and for CHIP eligible children ages eighteen (18) and under; to prior authorize one (1) sensorimotor examination in a twelve (12) month period performed in a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist office for Medicaid eligible children ages twenty (20) and under and for CHIP eligible children ages eighteen (18) and under who have received a covered diagnosis based on specific observed and documented symptoms; and to prior authorize one (1) developmental testing in a twelve (12) month period performed in a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist office for Medicaid eligible children ages twenty (20) and under and for CHIP eligible children ages eighteen (18) and under who have received a covered diagnosis based on specific observed and documented symptoms. The proposed rule is also to update with information regarding the risks of non-payment for services performed before acquiring prior authorization and pertaining to contact lens services procedure code S0592

The proposed policy is available for review at the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Office of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Policy 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 at the above address no later than 05/11/17.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the DHS Office of Legislative & Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Policy Development at 501-320-6429.

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