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 July 1, 2017, The Department of Human Services will implement new certification requirements and standards for providers of Outpatient Behavioral Health Services who are reimbursed by Arkansas Medicaid through the Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Program. These manuals and accompanying forms are necessary to implement the previously approved Behavioral Health Transformation Package.

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Development and Quality Assurance, 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 (<u>www.medicaid.state.ar.us</u>), 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 no later than May 11,2017.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact Program Development and Quality Assurance at 501-320-6429.

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