

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The State of Arkansas is electing, effective 01/01/2018, the option to provide Medicaid and CHIP coverage to otherwise eligible alien children under age 21 and pregnant women lawfully residing in the United States, as provided in section 1903(v)(4) of the Social Security Act and under section 214 of the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). The proposed rule changes amend the Medicaid and CHIP state plans' pages and revise Medical Services policy to provide Medicaid coverage to certain children and pregnant women who are lawfully residing in the United States. In addition, policy is being revised to comply with federal regulations and law regarding verification of citizenship and immigration status.

The Directors of the Divisions of Medical Services and County Operations hereby issue 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, Arkansas Code 20-76-201, CHIPRA, PL 111-3 section 214 and Social Security Act 42 U.S.C. § 1396p(c)(1)(A)-(D) & (c)(2)(C)(iii)) to the Arkansas Medicaid and CHIP state plans and Medical Services Policy Appendix C, B-250, D-210, D-211, D-220, D-221, D-222, D-223, D-224, D-225, D-230, E-300 and E-445.

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 08/27/17.

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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