

## 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 January 1, 2018, the Arkansas Medicaid Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) program provider's manual is updated to reflect a number of changes: the minimum number of beneficiaries that must be attributed to a practice as of the date of enrollment is reduced from 300 to 150 and the manual clarifies how a previously suspended/terminated practice may return to the PCMH program. In addition, the end date for Practice Transformation Support has been extended to December 31, 2018. The manual has also been updated to remove references to the Comprehensive Primary Care (CPC) Program as the program ended on 12/31/2016. The manual now includes a new pooling option ("petite pool") to accommodate practices with fewer than 300 beneficiaries and removes the exception that individual PCMHs in voluntary pools cannot move to the default pool when attribution falls below 5000 beneficiaries. This update also provides clarification of how a pool's performance is measured when a practice leaves a voluntary pool. Section 244.00 has been amended to add instructions pertaining to provider reports and updates and added guidelines for practice support payments during appeals and reconsiderations. Finally, the floor, medium and high threshold amounts governing shared savings payments have been updated according to State plan guidelines.**

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and 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](http://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, to the above address, in writing no later than October 13, 2017

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