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(Check One)

Date

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Electronic Copy of Rule e-mailed from: (Required under ACA 25-15-218)

Contact Person

E-mail Address

Date

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZED OFFICER

I Hereby Certify That The Attached Rules Were Adopted
In Compliance with the Arkansas Administrative Act. (ACA 25-15-201 et. seq.)

Signature

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Title

Date

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 for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018 ; four primary care visits per state fiscal year to a hospital based walk-in or emergent care clinic will no longer require a primary care provider referral, for a beneficiary who currently does not have a primary care physician. All existing benefit limits apply.

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), 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 February 8, 2018

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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Rose M. Naff, Director
Division of Medical Services

Date: January 8, 2018

SUMMARY FOR FOUR VISIT-NO REFERRALS

Effective for dates of service on or after April 1, 2018 four primary care visits per state fiscal year to a hospital based walk-in clinic or hospital based emergent care center will no longer require a referral from a primary care physician; if the beneficiary has not yet been assigned a primary care physician. These visits still count toward existing benefit limits.

TOC not required

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Introduction

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Arkansas Medicaid's Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) Program, ~~ConnectCare~~, operates statewide under the authority of the Medicaid State Plan.

- A. Most Medicaid beneficiaries and all ARKids First-B participants must enroll with a primary care physician (PCP), also known as a primary care case manager (PCCM).
 - 1. PCPs provide primary care services and health education.
 - 2. PCPs make referrals for medically necessary specialty physician's services, hospital care and other services.
 - 3. PCPs assist their enrollees with locating medical services.
 - 4. PCPs coordinate and monitor their enrollees' prescribed medical and rehabilitation services.
- B. Medicaid enrollees may receive services only from their PCP unless their PCP refers them to another provider, or unless they access a service that does not require a PCP referral.
- C. If a beneficiary does not have a primary care provider, Arkansas Medicaid will allow up to four (4) visits per state fiscal year without a Primary Care Physician (PCP) referral to a hospital affiliated Walk-in Clinic or Emergent Clinic.
- D. These visits apply to all related benefit limits.