

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues, for a thirty-day public comment period, a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed medical assistance rule(s) under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§ 20-76-201, 20-77-107, and 25-10-129.

Effective January 1, 2020, Arkansas Medicaid will revise the Child Health Services/Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Manual and the ARKids First B Manual to:

- **Add one (1) well-child visit for thirty (30) months, seven (7) years, and nine (9) years old to the periodicity schedule to comply with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as required by the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan**
- **Add specific details concerning well-child screens based on the *Bright Futures Guidelines* of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as required by the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan**

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Rules Promulgation, 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 and download the proposed rule on the Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/General/Comment/Comment.aspx>. Public comments must be submitted in writing at the above address or at the following email address: ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov. All public comments must be received by DHS no later than **September 17, 2019**. Please note that public comments submitted in response to this notice are considered public documents. A public comment, including the commenter's name and any personal information contained within the public comment, will be made publicly available and may be seen by various people.

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