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 December 1, 2019.

When DHS submitted State Plan Amendment #18-0013 for changes to the PCMH (Patient-Centered Medical Home) program in 2018, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) required that the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) complete a new preprint (template) for the PCCM (Primary Care Case Manager) program. Although there was no change to the PCCM program, CMS stated that they would not approve PCMH until the new PCCM preprint was submitted. The public notice period for the promulgation of PCMH was already completed when DHS was informed of this, so the PCCM is promulgated separately. There are no changes to the PCCM program. The formatting of the PCCM Medicaid State Plan changed, but the information and program remains the same. The PCCM portion was submitted to CMS on January 7, 2019, and was approved along with the PCMH on February 28, 2019. Although there are no programmatic changes to the PCCM program, the formatting has changed and is thus being promulgated.

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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