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NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Medical Services of the Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule 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 July 1, 2020:


The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services (DMS), intends to revise the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan rates for vaccine administrations fees as required by Executive Order 19-02 that was completed in July 2019. DHS bases the rate increases upon a rate review recommendation. Providers of flu immunizations and other vaccines expressed concern of growing program costs given that no rate increases occurred in over 10 years. The rate increases ensure access and availability of immunizations to members of Arkansas Medicaid.

This State Plan Amendment (SPA) increases the rates in the Physicians, Nurse Practitioner, ARKids B, and Pharmacy programs to fifteen dollars and forty-five cents (\$15.45) for administration of the influenza immunization. The SPA increases rates for other Medicaid payable vaccines to thirteen dollars and fourteen cents (\$13.14). The financial impact for this rule for the fiscal year is \$3,218,553.

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 May 11, 2020. 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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