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Proposed Rule Cover Sheet

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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 physicians' evaluation and management services as required by Executive Order 19-02. A rate review was completed in January 2020. DHS bases the rate increases upon a rate review recommendation, since rates have not increased in over 14 years. The rates shall increase for dates of service on or after July 1, 2020, and all rates shall be published on the agency's website:

http://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/. DMS also updated the text of the rule to modern formatting standards. The financial impact for this rule for the fiscal year is \$4,599,168.

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.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the Office of Rules Promulgation at 501-320-6266.

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Janet Mann, Director

Division of Medical Services