

## NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Adult, Aging, and Behavioral Health Services hereby issues the following proposed amendments to the Outpatient Behavioral Health Medicaid Provider Manual and the Behavioral Health Agency Certification Manual, 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.

The Division of Adult, Aging and Behavioral Health Services is amending the Outpatient Behavioral Health Provider Manual and the Behavioral Health Agency Certification Manual. This amendment coincides with the implementation of the Provider-Led Arkansas Shared Savings Entity (PASSE) Organized Care Model. Under the PASSE model, the PASSE entities will be credentialing current OBH providers as Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) services providers so that they can provide behavioral health services to clients enrolled in the PASSE.

The manual amendments will apply to those providers and beneficiaries who receive behavioral health services in the fee-for-service system.

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Aging, Adult and Behavioral Health Services, Deputy Director for Behavioral Health's Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, DHS Main building, 7<sup>th</sup> and Main Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Arkansas Medicaid website (<https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/General/Comment/Comment.aspx>). All comments must be submitted in writing, at the above address, or by email to [becky.murphy@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:becky.murphy@dhs.arkansas.gov), no later than close of business on September 12, 2018.

Three Public hearings will be held starting at 5:00 PM on:

- 1) Monday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Central Arkansas Library System, Darragh Center Auditorium, 100 Rock Street, Little Rock, AR.
- 2) Thursday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at Hempstead Hall, Blevins Suite, University of Arkansas at Hope, 2500 South Main Street, Hope, Arkansas

**A third public hearing will also be held. As soon as the information is available on the time, date, and location it will be posted on the DHS website, and can be found by going to <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/resources/calendar> or to the Arkansas Medicaid website at <https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/General/Comment/Hearings.aspx>.**

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