

## **Notice of Rule Making**

Pursuant to Arkansas Code 20-76-201 and 42 U.S.C. 673b Section 473A, the Director of Division of County Operations issues the following proposed changes to Medical Services Policy K-111 effective December 1, 2018.

**The proposed rule change revises Medical Services policy to provide clarification that children who are adopted or in a pre-adoptive placement may continue to receive Medicaid whether or not an IV-E subsidy payment is being made.**

Copies of the proposed change may be obtained by writing the Division of County Operations, P.O. Box 1437, Slot S-332, Little Rock, AR 72203, Attention: Office of Program Planning & Development. You may also access it on the DHS website <http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/resources/legal-notices>. All comments must be submitted in writing to the address indicated above no later than **October 3, 2018**.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at 501-682-8922 (voice) or 501-682-8933 (TDD).

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## SUMMARY FOR

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# MEDICAL SERVICES POLICY MANUAL, SECTION K

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## K-111 Continuing Eligibility of Foster Care Children Placed for Adoption

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Medicaid coverage for ARKids A (Cat. 61), State FC, U-18 Related (Cat. 91) and State FC Medically Needy (Cat. 96 or Cat. 97) may continue until the adoption is finalized, if eligibility requirements continue to be met. Prospective parents' income and resources will be disregarded.

The Adoption Specialist or Family Service Worker responsible for the case will provide all information relative to eligibility, reevaluations and changes, and will be responsible for notifying the DCFS Eligibility Unit when the adoption is final.

Medicaid coverage for Title IV-E-FC (Cat. 92) children who are adopted or in a pre-adoptive placement may continue provided the child remains eligible for IV-E regardless of whether or not provided the child remains eligible for IV-E subsidy payments are actually being made received made. A reevaluation is not necessary for these children. The CHRIS system will notify the Adoption Specialist or Family Service Worker if the IV-E subsidy payment ends.

Once initial eligibility has been established for Title IV-E-FC (Cat. 92) children who are adopted or in a pre-adoptive placement, the agency does not have to redetermine eligibility provided the child remains eligible for IV-E subsidy payments. The CHRIS system will notify the Adoption Specialist or Family Service Worker if the IV-E subsidy ends.