

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

Consistent with Arkansas Code Annotated §25-10-129 et. seq., and the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act, §25-15-204, the Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Behavioral Health Services intends to adopt the following medical assistance rule(s) for providers of outpatient behavioral health services:

Effective July 1, 2015, the DHS Division of Medical Services (DMS) proposes to implement the Medicaid Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Program. In conjunction with the proposed program's implementation, the Division of Behavioral Health Services (DBHS) is vested with the authority to establish and promulgate rules of certification for providers of outpatient behavioral health services. Therefore, effective January 1, 2015, all providers participating in the Medicaid Outpatient Behavioral Health Services Program must be certified by DBHS, unless expressly exempted from this requirement.

The proposed policy, *Certification Rules for Providers of Outpatient Behavioral Health Services*, is available at the Division of Behavioral Health Services located at 4800 West 7th, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205. You may also access it at http://humanservices.arkansas.gov/dbhs/Pages/dbhs_docs.aspx. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed." All comments must be submitted in writing no later than November 5, 2014 to:

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Subject Line: **Proposed Rules for Provider Certification**

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