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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 Division of Medical Services (DMS) of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) intends to revise rates for ambulance services in the Medicaid transportation program. Rates in the Ambulance program will increase 11%. DMS bases the rate increases upon a rate review by DHS, as required by Executive Order 19-02. The annual financial impact for this change will be \$4,472,065 per state fiscal year.

DMS revises the transportation manual to clarify physician certification statement signature requirements, calculation methods for mileage paid, exclusions, and billing processes. Section 201.100 clarifies provider participation and enrollment requirements for ambulance transportation providers applying to be reimbursed for Advanced Life Support services. Section 204.000 clarifies who can sign the physician certification statement. Section 205.000 clarifies that mileage is paid only for that part of the trip the patient is a passenger in the ambulance and acceptable methods of calculating the mileage. Section 213.200 clarifies that ambulance service to a doctor's office or clinic is excluded from coverage except as detailed in Section 204.000. DMS updated language in Sections 214.000 and 216.000. Section 241.000 removes methodology no longer in use. Section 251.000 requires that when more than one ambulance service is provided to one beneficiary on the same date of service, then all service runs must be billed on one claim. Section 252.410 updates Ambulance Life Support levels, including defining Advanced Life Support ambulance services and Basic Life Support Services.

DMS revises the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan to reflect the rate increase. Specifically, the plan is amended at Attachment 4.19-B, Page 8, to increase rates for services in the ambulance program effective for claims with dates of service on or after July 1, 2020.

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> or the DHS website at <https://humanservices.arkansas.gov/resources/promulgation-of-new-rules>. 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 **June 12, 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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