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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 December 1, 2021:

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS) revises the Medicaid State Plan by replacing the term Intrauterine Device (IUD) with Long-Acting Reversable Contraceptives (LARCs) to acknowledge the possible use of other types of LARCs as they become available. The revision also revises rate methodology and updates reimbursement rates for currently covered LARCs. Claims with a date of service on and after December 1, 2021, for Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives will be based on Wholesale Acquisition Costs as of December 1, 2021. Finally, DMS issues technical corrections to Section II of the Physician manual. The annual financial impact will be \$1,052,073 (Federal) and \$116,897 (State).

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://humanservices.arkansas.gov/do-business-with-dhs/proposed-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 September 25, 2021. 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.

A public hearing by remote access only through a Zoom webinar will be held on September 15th, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. and public comments may be submitted at the hearing. Individuals can access this public hearing at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82736912788. The webinar ID is 827 3691 2788. If you would like the electronic link, "one-tap" mobile information, listening only dial-in phone numbers, or international phone numbers, please contact ORP at ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov.

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