

# ARKANSAS REGISTER

## 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 January 1, 2022:**

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS) is removing procedure codes from the Arkansas Medicaid Provider Manuals as codes are not Rules (see Arkansas Code 25-15-202(9)(B)(iv)). The revision will also bring all components of the DMS payment policy up to date now that the new interChange system is fully implemented, replacing the Medicaid Management Information System. The revision also allows DMS to make updates in a timely manner when the national procedure codes and billing criteria change.

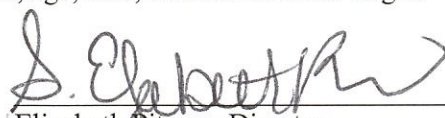
Rate codes are removed from the text of the following manuals: Adult Behavioral Health, ARKids First-B, Certified Nurse Midwife, Child Health Services/EPSTD, Children's Services Targeted Case Management, Chiropractic, Dental, Federally-Qualified Health Center, Hearing, Home Health, Hospital, Hyperalimentation, Nurse Practitioner, Outpatient Behavioral Health, Physician, Podiatrist, Portable X-Ray, Private Duty Nursing, Prosthetics, Rehabilitative Hospital, Rural Health Clinic, School-Based Mental Health, Transportation, Ventilator Equipment, and Vision. The procedure codes are being replaced with hyperlinks directing users to the Procedure Code Linking Table.

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 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](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). All public comments must be received by DHS no later than **November 8, 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 **October 21, 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/85885137416>. The webinar ID is 85885137416. 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](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov).

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