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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, & 25-10-129.

Effective March 1, 2022:

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS) amends the DMS COVID-19 Response Manual to authorize home health providers and pharmacy providers to administer COVID-19 vaccination shots in a client's home or similar location. DMS outlines the requirements for those currently receiving home-based services as well as those who do not currently receive home based services to receive the COVID-19 vaccine in their home. Also, DMS requires specific documentation by the provider and provides directions for billing and payment of claims. These include covered vaccines, procedure codes, and rates. The rule automatically sunsets at the end of the Federal Public Health Emergency.

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. All public comments must be received by DHS no later than December 13, 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 December 1, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. and public comments may be submitted at the hearing. Individuals can access this public hearing at https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84119369838. The webinar ID is 841 1936 9838. 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.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the Office of Rules Promulgation at 501-396-6428.

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