

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, 2021:

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS) will adjust the Medicaid maximum unit reimbursement rate for physicians' evaluation and management codes by three (3.0%) percent subject to the routine rate study performed by DMS in the Fall of 2019. All rates are published on the agency's website: (<http://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/>). The financial impact will be \$1,448,738 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2021; and \$2,897,475 for SFY 2022.

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>. 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 November 9, 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.

A public hearing by remote access only will be held on October 29, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. Individuals can access this public hearing by calling 1-774-220-4000 and entering the conference code, 8426607.

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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Janet Mann, Director
Division of Medical Services

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Persons and Providers

FROM: Janet Mann, Director, Division of Medical Services

DATE: October 9, 2020

SUBJ: SPA #2020-023 Physicians' Evaluation & Management Code Rate Increase

As a part of the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act process, attached for your review and comment are proposed rule revisions.

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