

**ACIP Immunization Schedule for Adults Aged 19 or Older – Zoom Public Hearing Transcript 10/18/23
@ 11:30 CST**

Mac Golden: Welcome to the public hearing on adult immunization mandatory coverage rule. Anita Castleberry, the Business Operations Manager, Division of Medical Services will read the Notice of Rule Making. After that we will open the floor for public comments. If you would like to make a public comment please utilize the raise hand feature in zoom, you will be recognized to give public comment on the record. All official responses to public comments will appear on the DHS proposed rules website after the public comment period concludes. Ms. Castleberry will now read the notice.

Anita Castleberry: This is Anita Castleberry.

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.

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS) amends the Medicaid State Plan to cover vaccines and vaccine administration for adults aged 19 and over as required by section 11405 of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and according to the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). DMS shall request implementation of the coverage from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid effective October 1, 2023.

The proposed effective date of the state rule, however, will be January 1, 2024, or sooner pursuant to the Arkansas Administrative Procedure Act. The proposed rule estimates a financial impact of \$111,742.00 (\$80,454.00 of which is federal funds) for state fiscal year 2024, and \$148,990.00 (\$107,272.00 of which is federal funds) for state fiscal year 2025.

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 23-02, DHS repeals the following two rules as part of this promulgation: (1) DDS Policy 235 – Incidental Funds Account, and (2) DDS Policy 3003 – Research Involving Individuals Served.

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 ar.gov/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 November 4, 2023. 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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Mac Golden: Thank you, Miss Castleberry. Please let the record reflect we have two attendees for today's public hearing. If an attendee would like to make a public comment, please utilize the raise hand feature via zoom at this time. I'll pause briefly.

It does not appear that any attendee would like to make a public comment today. We thank you for attending, and this public hearing will be closed.