



**Division of Medical Services**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Persons and Providers

FROM: Elizabeth Pitman, Director, Division of Medical Services

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJ: Core Set Reporting Requirements

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

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) 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.

If you have any comments, please submit those comments no later than December 14, 2024.

All DHS proposed rules, public notices, and recently finalized rules may also be viewed at: [Proposed Rules & Public Notices](#).

## NOTICE OF RULEMAKING

The Department of Human Services announces for a public comment period of thirty (30) calendar days (November 15 through December 14, 2025) a notice of rulemaking for the following proposed rule under one or more of the following chapters, subchapters, or sections of the Arkansas Code: §§ 25-10-129, 20-76-201, and 20-77-107. The promulgation of the state rule is expected to be effective February 1, 2025.

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS) amends the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan based on guidance by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to comply annually with mandatory reporting of the Core Set of Children's Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid and CHIP (Child Core Set) and the behavioral health measures on the Core Set of Adult Health Care Quality Measures for Medicaid (Adult Core Set) as established by federal law and rule. The SPA attests to compliance with the reporting requirements on an annual basis. DMS will submit the SPA to CMS requesting a retroactive effective date of October 1, 2024. The annual fiscal impact is \$64,030.00 (State \$32,015.00; Federal \$32,015.00).

The proposed rule is available for review at the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Policy and Rules, 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](https://www.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](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). All public comments must be received by DHS no later than December 14, 2024. 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 will be held by remote access through Zoom. Public comments may be submitted at the hearing. The details for attending the Zoom hearing appear at [ar.gov/dhszoom](https://www.ar.gov/dhszoom).

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact the Office of Policy and Rules at 501-320-6428. The Arkansas Department of Human Services is in compliance with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act and is operated, managed, and delivers services without regard to religion, disability, political affiliation, veteran status, age, race, color, or national origin. 4502201653

Elizabeth Pitman, Director  
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# Medicaid State Plan Administration

## General Administration

### Reporting

#### Package Header

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#### A. General Reporting

The agency submits all reports in the form and with the content required by the Secretary and complies with any provisions that the Secretary finds necessary to verify and assure the correctness of all reports.

1. The agency assures that all requirements of 42 CFR 431.16 are met.

#### B. Annual Reporting on the Child and Adult Core Sets

1. The agency assures that all requirements of 42 CFR 437.10 through 437.15 are met.

2. The agency reports annually, by December 31, on:

- a. All measures on the Child Core Set that are identified by the Secretary pursuant to 42 CFR 437.10.
- b. All behavioral health measures on the Adult Core Set that are identified by the Secretary pursuant to 42 CFR 437.10.

#### C. Additional Information (optional)

# PROPOSED