

Public Hearing on Update to Medicare and Medicaid Crossover Billing Rules - Zoom Public Hearing Transcript 6/26/2024 @ 11:00 a.m. CST

Mac Golden: Good morning, everyone, and welcome to a public hearing on a rule regarding an update to Medicare and Medicaid Crossover Billing rates due to technical issues. Today's hearing will be without video. Anita Castleberry, The Division on Medical Services will be announcing the notice of rulemaking. Then we will open the floor for public comments. Please utilize the raise hand feature via Zoom, if you would like to make a comment on record. All official responses to public comments will appear on the DHS proposal rule website after the public comment period. Ms. Castleberry will now read the notice of rulemaking.

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: §§ 25-10-129, 20-76-201, and 20-77-107.

Effective September 1, 2024, the Division of Medical Services (DMS) updates the billing rules for Medicare Crossover reimbursement and adds a new field to its Medicaid Management Information System to improve how the claims are paid and reported. DMS adds a separate copayment field to electronic claims to identify the correct amounts being paid for Medicare copayments apart from coinsurance amounts. These updates result in cost savings of \$225,000.000 per year.

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. 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 **July 13, 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.

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Mac Golden: Thank you, please let record reflect, we have 6 attendees for today's public hearing. If any attendee would like to make a public comment at this time. Please utilize the raise hand feature in zoom. I will pause for 10 seconds. It does not appear any attendee wishes to make a public comment today. If you wish to make a public comment before the period concludes please email or write DHS as specified in the notice, we thank you for attending this hearing today.