Rules for Life Choices Lifeline and Continuum of Care Programs – Zoom Public Hearing Transcript
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Mac Golden: Good morning, everyone and welcome to a public hearing on the Life Choices Lifeline and Continuum of Care Programs. Miss Anita Castleberry, the Division of Medical Services Business Operations Manager will be announcing the Notice of Rule Making. 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 today. You will be recognized to give a 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. The notice of rulemaking will now be read.

Anita Castleberry: Good Morning.

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 Division of Medical Services (DMS) proposes a new rule effective January 1, 2024, to comply with Act 703 of 2023. The Act transferred responsibility for administering the Life Choices Lifeline from the Department of Health to the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), as well as resource access assistance offered under the "Every Mom Matters Act". This new rule establishes the standards under which the program shall operate.

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. This notice also shall be posted at the local office of the Division of County Operations (DCO) of DHS in every county in the state. 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 12, 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. We will now open the floor for public comments. Please let the record reflect we have three 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.

It does not appear any attendee wishes to make a public comment today. If you would like to make a public comment at a later time, please email our office at ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov by November 12th. We will now consider this public hearing closed and go off the record. Thank you.