

**Core Set Reporting Requirements**  
**Zoom Public Hearing (12/4/24 @ 10:00 AM CST)**

**Mac Golden:** Good morning, everyone, and welcome to a public hearing on the rule regrading Core Set Reporting Requirements. Anita Castleberry, the Division of Medical Services Business Operations Manager, will be announcing the notice of rulemaking. Then we will open the floor for public comments. If you would like to make a public comment, please utilize the raise hand feature via zoom and you will be recognized to give your comment on the record. All official responses to public comments will appear on the DHS proposed rule website after the public comment period concludes. Ms. Castleberry will now read the notice of rulemaking.

**Anita Castleberry:** Good morning, 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](http://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](http://ar.gov/dhszoom).

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**Mac Golden:** Thank you, Ms. Castleberry. Please let the record reflect that we have seven attendees for today's public hearing. If any attendee would like to make a public comment, please utilize the raise hand feature at this time.

It does not appear that any attendee wishes to make a public comment today. If you would like to make a public comment before the period concludes, please email my office at [ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov](mailto:ORP@dhs.arkansas.gov). We thank you for attending this public hearing today, and we'll now go off the record.