

## **Hospice Provider Manual Updates Zoom Public Hearing (01/29/25 @ 10:00 AM CST)**

**Mac Golden:** Good morning, everyone and welcome to a public hearing on the rule proposal involving updates to the Hospice Provider Manual. Anita Castleberry the Division of Medical Services, Business Operation Manger will be reading 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 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 you're on mute still.

**Anita Castleberry:** One moment Mac, my word document disappeared.

**Mac Golden:** Okay

**Anita Castleberry:** Frustrating. Okay, this is Anita Castleberry I'm going to read the notice rule making.

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. The proposed effective date of the rule is June 1, 2025.

The Director of the Division of Medical Services (DMS) amends the Arkansas Medicaid Hospice Provider Manual sections 220.200 and 250.300 to streamline coding processes for hospice providers to allow for more timely and accurate claims processing, including use of a new informational form to identify when a Medicaid beneficiary is being admitted to or discharged from hospice services. There is no fiscal impact.

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://ar.gov/dhs-proposed-rules). Public comments can 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 February 17, 2025. 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://ar.gov/dhszoom).

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

It doesn't appear either attendee wishes to make a comment today. We thank you for attending this public hearing, and we will now go off the record.