

**REQUEST FOR GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL**  
**Notice 004-15**

State Plan Amendment ☐ Waiver: New ☐ Renewal ☐ Amendment ☐

Federal Mandate: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, cite the regulation: \_\_\_\_\_

State Mandate: ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, cite the regulation: \_\_\_\_\_

Priority Review Requested: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Proposed Effective Date: October 1, 2015

**Summary: Effective October 1, 2015, Arkansas Medicaid will implement a new HPV vaccine for Arkansas Medicaid children covered under the Vaccines for Children program. (VFC) and the SCHIP program.**

Financial Impact:	Current Fiscal Year		Next Fiscal Year	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	SGR	\$0	SGR	\$0
<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	FFP	\$0	FFP	\$0
	TOTAL	\$0	TOTAL	\$0

Public Hearing: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Controversial: ☐ Yes ☒ No

**Emergency Rule:** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Submitted to CMS: ☐ Yes ☒ No

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**WITH THE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AND JOINT INTERIM COMMITTEE**

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**INSTRUCTIONS**

- A. Please make copies of this form for future use.  
B. Please answer each question **completely** using layman terms. You may use additional sheets, if necessary.  
C. If you have a method of indexing your rules, please give the proposed citation after "Short Title of this Rule" below.  
D. Submit two (2) copies of this questionnaire and financial impact statement attached to the front of two (2) copies of the proposed rule and required documents. Mail or deliver to:

Donna K. Davis  
Administrative Rules Review Section  
Arkansas Legislative Council  
Bureau of Legislative Research  
One Capitol Mall, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Little Rock, AR 72201

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1. What is the short title of this rule? Notice 004-15 – Procedure Code 90651
2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? Coverage of Vaccine Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) Procedure Code 90651
3. Is this rule required to comply with a federal statute, rule, or regulation? Yes ☐ No ☒  
If yes, please provide the federal rule, regulation, and/or statute citation. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Was this rule filed under the emergency provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act? Yes ☒ No ☐  
If yes, what is the effective date of the emergency rule? October 1, 2015
- When does the emergency rule expire? December 29, 2016

Will this emergency rule be promulgated under the permanent provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

5. Is this a new rule? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please provide a brief summary explaining the regulation. See attachment.

Does this repeal an existing rule? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, a copy of the repealed rule is to be included with your completed questionnaire. If it is being replaced with a new rule, please provide a summary of the rule giving an explanation of what the rule does. \_\_\_\_\_

Is this an amendment to an existing rule? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please attach a mark-up showing the changes in the existing rule and a summary of the substantive changes. **Note: The summary should explain what the amendment does, and the mark-up copy should be clearly labeled "mark-up."**

6. Cite the state law that grants the authority for this proposed rule? If codified, please give the Arkansas Code citation. Arkansas Statute 20-76-201

7. What is the purpose of this proposed rule? Why is it necessary? The purpose of the proposed rule is to inform providers of coverage of the following CPT procedure code 90651 under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) programs.

8. Please provide the address where this rule is publicly accessible in electronic form via the Internet as required by Arkansas Code § 25-19-108(b).

<https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us/general/comment/comment.aspx>

9. Will a public hearing be held on this proposed rule? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please complete the following:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

10. When does the public comment period expire for permanent promulgation? (Must provide a date.)

November 10, 2015

11. What is the proposed effective date of this proposed rule? (Must provide a date.)

APA effective December 1, 2015 (Adopted by CDC August 1, 2015)

12. Do you expect this rule to be controversial? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

13. Please give the names of persons, groups, or organizations that you expect to comment on these rules?  
Please provide their position (for or against) if known.

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## FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

**PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY**

**DEPARTMENT** Department of Human Services  
**DIVISION** Division of Medical Services  
**PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT** Lynn Burton  
**TELEPHONE NO.** 682-1857 **FAX NO.** 501-404-4619 **EMAIL:** lynn.burton@dhs.arkansas.gov

To comply with Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e), please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file two copies with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

**SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE** Notice 004-15

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule have a financial impact? Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Is the rule based on the best reasonably obtainable scientific, technical, economic, or other evidence and information available concerning the need for, consequences of, and alternatives to the rule? Yes ☒ No ☐
3. In consideration of the alternatives to this rule, was this rule determined by the agency to be the least costly rule considered? Yes ☒ No ☐

If an agency is proposing a more costly rule, please state the following:

- (a) How the additional benefits of the more costly rule justify its additional cost;

\_\_\_\_\_

- (b) The reason for adoption of the more costly rule;

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- (c) Whether the more costly rule is based on the interests of public health, safety, or welfare, and if so, please explain; and;

\_\_\_\_\_

- (d) Whether the reason is within the scope of the agency's statutory authority; and if so, please explain.

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4. If the purpose of this rule is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please state the following:

- (a) What is the cost to implement the federal rule or regulation?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

(b) What is the additional cost of the state rule?

**Current Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

General Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Federal Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Cash Funds \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Revenue \_\_\_\_\_  
Other (Identify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \$0 \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any private individual, entity and business subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule? Identify the entity(ies) subject to the proposed rule and explain how they are affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

6. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, and municipal government to implement this rule? Is this the cost of the program or grant? Please explain how the government is affected.

**Current Fiscal Year**

\$ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

**Next Fiscal Year**

\$ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

This rule change is implementing coverage for procedure code 90651 (Human Papillomavirus Vaccine 9) under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) programs. We do not anticipate an increase in utilization because the new code will only add an additional option for providers to choose from when vaccinating.

7. With respect to the agency's answers to Questions #5 and #6 above, is there a new or increased cost or obligation of at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) per year to a private individual, private entity, private business, state government, county government, municipal government, or to two (2) or more of those entities combined?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If YES, the agency is required by Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e)(4) to file written findings at the time of filing the financial impact statement. The written findings shall be filed simultaneously with the financial impact statement and shall include, without limitation, the following:

- (1) a statement of the rule's basis and purpose;
- (2) the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute;

- (3) a description of the factual evidence that:
  - (a) justifies the agency's need for the proposed rule; and
  - (b) describes how the benefits of the rule meet the relevant statutory objectives and justify the rule's costs;
- (4) a list of less costly alternatives to the proposed rule and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (5) a list of alternatives to the proposed rule that were suggested as a result of public comment and the reasons why the alternatives do not adequately address the problem to be solved by the proposed rule;
- (6) a statement of whether existing rules have created or contributed to the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule and, if existing rules have created or contributed to the problem, an explanation of why amendment or repeal of the rule creating or contributing to the problem is not a sufficient response; and
- (7) an agency plan for review of the rule no less than every ten (10) years to determine whether, based upon the evidence, there remains a need for the rule including, without limitation, whether:
  - (a) the rule is achieving the statutory objectives;
  - (b) the benefits of the rule continue to justify its costs; and
  - (c) the rule can be amended or repealed to reduce costs while continuing to achieve the statutory objectives.

**Summary for Notice 004-15**

**Effective October 1, 2015, Arkansas Medicaid will implement a new HPV vaccine for Arkansas Medicaid children covered under the Vaccines for Children program. (VFC) and the SCHIP program.**



## NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

The Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed medical assistance rule(s) under one or more of the following chapters or sections of the Arkansas Code: 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 25-10-129, and Title 20, Chapter 77.

**Effective October 1, 2015, Arkansas Medicaid will implement a new HPV vaccine for Arkansas Medicaid children covered under the Vaccines for Children program. (VFC) and the SCHIP program.**

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Development and Quality Assurance, 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 it on the Medicaid website ([www.medicaid.state.ar.us](http://www.medicaid.state.ar.us)), and download it from the "Proposed Rules For Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing at the above address no later than November 10, 2015.

If you need this material in a different format, such as large print, contact Program Development and Quality Assurance at 501-320-6429.

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. **4501545928 EL**

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Dawn Stehle, Director  
Division of Medical Services

## EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

**DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES  
AMENDING ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

**NUMBER AND TITLE:** Notice of Rule Making 004-15 – Coverage of Vaccine Current Procedure Terminology (CPT) Procedure Code 90651

**PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2015

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Arkansas Code 20-76-201 and 25-10-102; Act 218 of 1983; Act 348 of 1985

**NECESSITY AND FUNCTION:** The purpose of the proposed rule is to inform providers of coverage of the following CPT procedure code 90651 under the Vaccines for Children (VFC) and State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) programs.

**PAGES FILED:** 3 Pages

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Dawn Stehle, Director  
Division of Medical Services

**Promulgation date:**

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**NOTICE OF RULE MAKING**

**TO:** Health Care Providers – Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), Arkansas Department of Health, ARKids First-B, Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), Hospital, Nurse Practitioner, Pharmacy, Physician, Rural Health Clinic (RHC)

**DATE:** October 1, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Coverage of Vaccine Current Procedure Terminology (CPT®) Procedure Code 90651

**I. Background Information on Vaccines**

- A. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program was established to enable free access to childhood immunizations for Medicaid-eligible children under age nineteen. The Arkansas Department of Health oversees the VFC program in Arkansas. To enroll in the VFC program and obtain the vaccines, providers may contact the Arkansas Department of Health at (800) 462-0599 or (501) 661-2000. Arkansas Medicaid reimburses an administration fee for immunizations included in the VFC program. Providers billing for administration of immunizations should use the appropriate CPT® code and required modifier(s). All procedure codes under the VFC program must be billed electronically or on paper, using either the CMS-1500 claim form or the CMS-1450 claim form. Medicaid policy regarding immunizations for adults remains unchanged by the VFC program.
- B. The purpose of this notice of rule making is to inform Arkansas Medicaid providers of coverage of the CPT® procedure code 90651 under the VFC program and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

**II. Coverage**

CPT® procedure code **90651**, "Human Papillomavirus vaccine types 6, 11, 16, 18, 31, 33, 45, 52, 58, nonavalent (HPV), 3 dose schedule, for intramuscular use." This vaccine is covered under the VFC and SCHIP programs.

**III. Billing Procedures for 90651**

Billing of **90651** may be submitted electronically or on paper claims.

Billing instructions are listed below for this procedure code based on the date of service the vaccine was administered and beneficiary eligibility:

<b>Procedure Code</b>	<b>Required Modifiers</b>	<b>Age Restriction in Years</b>	<b>Special Instructions</b>
90651	TJ	9y-18y	Covered for ARKids First-B providers under the VFC program through date of service 07/31/2015.
90651	SL*	9y-18y	Covered for ARKids First-B providers under the SCHIP vaccines program for dates of service on and after 08/01/2015.
90651	EP TJ	9y-18y	Covered for ARKids First-A providers under the VFC program.

**\*For dates of service on and after August 1, 2015, ARKids First-B beneficiaries are not eligible for the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program; however, vaccines can be obtained to administer to ARKids First-B beneficiaries who are under the age of 19 by contacting the Arkansas Department of Health at (800) 462-0599 or (501) 661-2000 and indicating the need to order ARKids-B SCHIP vaccines.**

**Only a vaccine injection administration fee is reimbursed. When filing claims for administering vaccines for ARKids First-B beneficiaries, providers must use the CPT procedure code for the vaccine administered and the required modifier SL only for either electronic or paper claims. Providers must bill claims for ARKids First-B beneficiaries using the CMS-1500 claim format.**

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the HP Enterprise Services Provider Assistance Center at 1-800-457-4454 (Toll-Free) within Arkansas or locally and Out-of-State at (501) 376-2211.

If you need this material in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact the Program Development and Quality Assurance Unit at (501) 320-6429.

Arkansas Medicaid provider manuals (including update transmittals), official notices, notices of rule making and remittance advice (RA) messages are available for download from the Arkansas Medicaid website: [www.medicaid.state.ar.us](http://www.medicaid.state.ar.us).

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

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Dawn Stehle  
Director