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**Memorandum**

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**TO:** Marty Garrity, Director, Bureau of Legislative Research

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**CC:** Jessica Sutton, Administrator, Rules and Regulations Section, Legal Services Division

**DATE:** October 20, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Emergency Promulgation – Department of Human Services

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**LEGAL AUTHORIZATION:**

Arkansas Code Annotated § 20-76-201 (12) gives the Department the authority to “make rules and regulations and take actions as are necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this chapter and that are not inconsistent therewith.”

This rule implements Act 1236 of 2015. The Act changes the reimbursement rate for surgical care under Medicare from eighty percent (80%) to ninety-five percent (95%), and specifically authorizes the Department of Human Services establish appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes.