

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, DIVISION OF MEDICAL SERVICES

SUBJECT: ARKIDS-3-18 (ARKIDS-B); EPSDT-1-18 (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment) Services

DESCRIPTION:

Statement of Necessity

The Arkansas Medicaid State Plan states “Medical Screens are provided based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics.” These additions are based on those recommendations.

Rule Summary

Effective January 1, 2020, Arkansas Medicaid will revise the Child Health Services/Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Manual and the ARKids First B Manual to:

- Add one (1) well-child visit for thirty (30) months, seven (7) years, and nine (9) years old to the periodicity schedule to comply with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as required by the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan.
- Add specific details concerning well-child screens based on the *Bright Futures Guidelines* of the American Academy of Pediatrics, as required by the Arkansas Medicaid State Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public hearing was held. The public comment period expired on September 17, 2019. The Department received no public comments.

Per the agency, this rule does not need CMS approval.

Additionally, Kathryn Henry, an attorney with the Bureau of Legislative Research, asked the following question: Your statement of necessity indicates that, “The Arkansas Medicaid State Plan states ‘Medical Screens are provided based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics.’” It also states that the additions in this rule are based on those recommendations. Did the American Academy of Pediatrics recently change its recommendations, or are you making these rule changes to comport with older recommendations? **RESPONSE:** We’re implementing recommendations that were updated in February 2017.

The proposed effective date is January 1, 2020.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The agency states that the amended rule has a financial impact.

The cost to implement the federal rule or regulation is \$1,641,886.00 for the current fiscal year (\$473,027.00 in general revenue and \$1,168,859.00 in federal funds) and

\$3,283,773.00 for the next fiscal year (\$933,577.00 in general revenue and \$2,350,196.00 in federal funds).

The total estimated cost by fiscal year to state, county, or municipal government to implement the rule is \$473,027.00 for the current fiscal year and \$933,577.00 for the next fiscal year.

The agency further states that there is 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. Accordingly, the agency provided the following written findings:

- (1) *a statement of the rule's basis and purpose*
Adding an additional well-child screening should help prevent developmental delays or disability, keep immunizations up to date, and help decrease expenditure costs if issues are detected and treated early.
- (2) *the problem the agency seeks to address with the proposed rule, including a statement of whether a rule is required by statute*
To detect developmental delay and disability early.
- (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*
Early detection of any developmental problems or delays helps decrease expenditures in the long run.
- (4) *a list of 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*
No less costly alternatives are proposed at this time.
- (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*
No alternatives are proposed at this time.
- (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*
Existing rules have not contributed to the problem

- (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*
- The agency monitors state and federal rules and policies for opportunities to reduce and control cost.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION: Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 20-76-201(1), the Department of Human Services (“Department”) shall administer assigned forms of public assistance, supervise agencies and institutions caring for dependent or aged adults or adults with mental or physical disabilities, and administer other welfare activities or services that may be vested in it. The Department shall also make rules and take actions as are necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of Title 20, Chapter 76, Public Assistance Generally, of the Arkansas Code. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 20-76-201(12). Additionally, Ark. Code Ann. § 20-77-107(a)(1) specifically authorizes the Department to “establish and maintain an indigent medical care program.” The Department and its various divisions are further authorized to promulgate rules, as necessary to conform to federal statutes, rules, and regulations as may now or in the future affect programs administered or funded by or through the Department or its various divisions, as necessary to receive any federal funds that may now or in the future be available to the Department or its various divisions. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 25-10-129(b).

Per the agency, these rule revisions are further being implemented to comply with 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396a(a)(43), 1396d(a)(xvii)(4)(B), 1396d(r), and 42 CFR §§ 441.50-441.62.

SUMMARY FOR

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Financial Impact:	General Revenue	\$933,577
	Federal Funds	\$2,350,196
	Total	\$3,283,773

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR FILING PROPOSED RULES WITH THE
ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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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:**

Jessica C. Sutton
Administrative Rules Review Section
Arkansas Legislative Council
Bureau of Legislative Research
One Capitol Mall, 5th Floor
Little Rock, AR 72201

ARKIDS-3-18 (ARKIDS-B); EPSDT-1-18 (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment) services.

1. What is the short title of this rule? _____

Arkansas Medicaid will comply with the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics by adding three childhood screenings for Medicaid and ARKids B beneficiaries.
2. What is the subject of the proposed rule? _____
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. _____
42 U.S.C. §§ 1396a(a)(43), 1396d(a)(xvii)(4)(B), 1396d(r), and 42 CFR §§ 441.50-441.62.
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? _____
When does the emergency rule expire? _____
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 rule.

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."**

See attached.

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

Arkansas Code § 20-76-201, § 20-77-107, and § 25-10-129.

7. What is the purpose of this proposed rule? Why is it necessary?

See attached.

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://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/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.)

September 17, 2019

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

January 1, 2020

12. Please provide a copy of the notice required under Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(a), and proof of the publication of said notice. See attached.

13. Please provide proof of filing the rule with the Secretary of State as required pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-204(e). See attached.

14. 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.

Unknown.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY

DEPARTMENT Department of Human Services
DIVISION Division of Medical Services
PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT Brian Jones
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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 ARKIDS-3-18 (ARKIDS-B); EPSDT-1-18 (Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment) services.

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;

- (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.

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?

<u>Current Fiscal Year</u>		<u>Next Fiscal Year</u>	
General Revenue	<u>473,027</u>	General Revenue	<u>933,577</u>
Federal Funds	<u>1,168,859</u>	Federal Funds	<u>2,350,196</u>
Cash Funds	<u> </u>	Cash Funds	<u> </u>
Special Revenue	<u> </u>	Special Revenue	<u> </u>

Other (Identify) _____

Other (Identify) _____

Total _____ 1,641,886

Total _____ 3,283,773

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

Current Fiscal Year

Next Fiscal Year

General Revenue _____

General Revenue _____

Federal Funds _____

Federal Funds _____

Cash Funds _____

Cash Funds _____

Special Revenue _____

Special Revenue _____

Other (Identify) _____

Other (Identify) _____

Total _____ 0

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

Next Fiscal Year

\$ _____ 473,027

\$ _____ 933,577

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 _____ x _____ 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;

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No less costly alternatives are proposed at this time.

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