

**ADMINISTRATIVE RULE & REGULATION REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
JOINT BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**Room A, MAC
Little Rock, Arkansas**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017
Upon Adjournment of Joint Budget Committee**

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- A. Call to Order.**
- B. Rules filed pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-3-309.**
- 1. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, MEDICAL SERVICES (Robert Nix)**
- a. SUBJECT: Rehabilitative Services for Persons with Mental Illness (RSPMI) Moratorium Amendment 7**

DESCRIPTION: This extends the current RSPMI moratorium on DBHS certified RSPMI sites until June 30, 2017. This update is necessary so that DBHS maintains control over the amount of RSPMI sites that are certified to provide behavioral health services by DBHS. To enroll as a Medicaid provider, RSPMI sites must be certified by DBHS. DBHS has no information that any eligible Medicaid beneficiary experiences difficulty obtaining medically necessary RSPMI care and services.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The Department originally filed this rule on an emergency basis, and the emergency rule was approved on November 18, 2016, with an effective date of January 1, 2017. The previous moratorium

was set to expire on December 31, 2016, and the emergency rule was necessary to avoid any lapses in the moratorium.

No public hearing was held. The public comment period expired on January 3, 2017. The department received no comments.

The proposed effective date for permanent promulgation is May 1, 2017.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There is no financial impact.

LEGAL AUTHORIZATION: Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 20-76-201, the Department of Human Services (“the 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. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 20-76-201(1). The Department shall also make rules and regulations and take actions as are necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of Title 20, Subtitle 5, Chapter 76, Public Assistance Generally, of the Arkansas Code. *See* Ark. Code Ann. § 20-76-201(12).

C. Adjournment.