The Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS), Division of Medical Services (DMS), is providing public notice of two public hearings to accept comments on the TEFRA-like 115(a) demonstration waiver renewal application document. This document is requesting an additional three (3) years from January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2020 for this demonstration waiver.

On May 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public input hearing in the Conference Room of the Garland County DHS Center, 115 Stever Lane in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

On May 30, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public hearing in Conference Room A on the first floor of the Donaghey Plaza South Building, 700 South Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas. It will be necessary for you to check in with the security desk in the lobby of the Donaghey Plaza South Building and present some form of picture identification before proceeding to Conference Room A. This May 30, 2017 public input hearing may also be accessed via the web. To register for this hearing via the web, go to http://grds.arkansas.gov. When the “Events by Program” screen comes up, click “Register” by the “May 30, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. TEFRA Public Input” event. When the “Register for TEFRA Public Input” screen comes up, complete the registration form, and click “Submit”. A “Registration Confirmed” screen will come up verifying your registration. You will also receive a confirmation e-mail message that contains detailed information about joining the hearing on May 30, 2017. In this confirmation e-mail, you must setting up “Event Manager” before the public input hearing event starts. “Event Manager” will need to be set-up in order to be able to access the “Chat Box” where comments can be entered.

The Arkansas TEFRA-like demonstration waiver provides services to disabled children eligible for Medicaid under section 134 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA). TEFRA (also known as the Katie Beckett Option) was passed by Congress to allow a child with disabilities living in a family with income and resources of the child to qualify a “married” family premium if the family’s income is greater than $25,000; and by requiring families, who have health insurance for the TEFRA-eligible child, to retain that insurance. The State’s Goal is to continue to provide medical services to disabled children eligible for Medicaid under section 134 of the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) through the TEFRA-like 115(a) demonstration waiver.

The renewal application document is available to review at the Division of Medical Services, Office of Policy Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South, 700 South Main Street, P.O. Box 1437, S-295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437 or by telephone 501-320-6429 or can be reviewed and downloaded at https://www.medicaid.state.ar.us. Download General/Contact/TEFRA.
Public Notice
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On May 26, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public input hearing in the Conference Room at the Garland County DHS Office, 115 Stover Lane in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
On May 30, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public hearing in Conference Room A on the first floor of the Donaghey Plaza South Building, 700 South Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas. It will be necessary for you to check-in with the security desk in the lobby of the Donaghey Plaza South Building and present a form of picture identification before proceeding to Conference Room A. This May 30, 2017 public input hearing may also be accessed via the web. To register for this hearing via the web, go to http://events.webex.com. When the “Events by Program” screen comes up, click “Register” by the “May 30, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. TEFRA Public Input” event. When the “Register for TEFRA Public Input” screen comes up, complete the registration form, and click “Submit”. A “Registration Confirmation” screen will come up verifying your registration. You will also receive a confirmation e-mail message that contains detailed information about joining the hearing on May 30, 2017. In this confirmation e-mail, note setting-up “Event Manager” before the public input. Hearing event starts. “Event Manager” will need to be set-up in order to be able to access the “Chat Box” where comments can be entered.

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All comments must be submitted by no later than midnight June 17, 2017.

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On May 29, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Medical Services will hold a public input hearing in the Conference Room A on the first floor of the Donaghey Plaza South Building, 700 South Main Street in Little Rock, Arkansas. It will be necessary for you to check-in with the security desk to the right of the Donaghey Plaza South Building and present some form of picture identification before proceeding to Conference Room A. This May 30, 2017 public input hearing may also be accessed via the web. To register for this hearing via the web, go to http://arks-webex.com. When the “Events by Program” screen comes up, click “Register” by the “May 30, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. TEFRA Public Input” event. When the “Registration” screen comes up, complete the registration form, and click “Submit.” A “Registration Confirmed” screen will come up verifying your registration. You will also receive a confirmation e-mail message that contains detailed information about paying the hearing on May 30, 2017. In this confirmation e-mail, note setting up “Event Manager” before the public input hearing event starts. “Event Manager” will need to be set-up in order to be able to access the “Chat Box” where comments can be entered.

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