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Medicaid Programs

Upcoming Public Hearings

In accordance with federal and state law, the Division of Medical Services (DMS) of the Arkansas Department of Human Services (DHS) must notify the public of its intent to hold public hearings and must make available a public comment period.

Locations, dates and times for public hearings will be published below after scheduling is finalized.

Comments may be provided during scheduled public hearings or in writing during the public comment period. To submit comments, write to

Division of Medical Services
 Program Development and Quality Assurance
 P.O. Box 1437 (Slot S295)
 Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437

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.

Upcoming Public Hearings

Public Hearing / Location	Hearing Date	Hearing Time
Arkansas Works Waiver Amendment Public Hearing Notice <small>(Word, new window)</small> Central Arkansas Main Library Darragh Center Auditorium 100 S. Rock St Little Rock, AR 72201	5/25/17	5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Webinar Register online to attend the hearing via the web. <small>(HTML, new window)</small>		
TEFRA Public Hearings Notice <small>(Word, new window)</small> Conference Room Garland County DHS Office 115 Stover Lane Hot Springs, Arkansas	5/26/17	10:00 am – 11:00 am
TEFRA Public Hearings Notice <small>(Word, new window)</small> Conference Room A, First Floor Donaghey Plaza South Building 700 South Main Street Little Rock, Arkansas	5/30/17	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Webinar Register online to attend the hearing via the web. <small>(HTML, new window)</small> When the "Events by Program" screen opens, click "Register" by the "May 30, 2017 from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. TEFRA Public Input" event.		

Public Notice

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 1115 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 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 2:30 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://ardhs.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 “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, 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.

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 after the child whose plight inspired Congress to enact this option into Medicaid law) was developed to allow a child with disabilities living in a family with income and resources of the child by requiring a sliding-scale 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 1115(a) demonstration waiver.

The renewal application document is available for 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 telephoning 501-320-6429 or can be reviewed and downloaded at <https://medicaid.mmis.arkansas.gov/Download/general/comment/TEFRARenewalSupportDoc.doc>. Comments may be provided during the public hearings or in writing to the Division of Medical Services, Office of Policy Development at the address indicated above or by e-mail to becky.murphy@dhs.arkansas.gov. All comments must be submitted by no later than midnight June 17, 2017.

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