

Division of Medical Services

Rate Review Plan



Rate Review Objective

- Ensure Rates are Sufficient and Support Access to Quality Care
- Provide Payment Transparency and Comply with Access Rule Requirements: **42 CFR §447.203(b)**
- Maintain Budget Neutrality and Medicaid Sustainability

Rate Review Approach

- Select Provider Types for Review
- Review Claim Utilization Data from the Prior Year
- Select Procedure Codes that Account for Approximately 70% of Utilization for Review
- Identify Six Medicaid States of Similar Size and Demographics (**Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Nevada, New Mexico and Oklahoma**), Medicare and Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield for Rate Benchmarking, where Applicable



Rate Review Approach (Cont.)

- Conduct Provider Surveys
 - Request Provider Input on comparison states and codes list
 - Request Cost Information – Have Costs Increased or Decreased
 - Request information on payor mix
- Review Arkansas Medicaid Reimbursements for Care or Service
- Analyze Utilization and Access to Care, including network adequacy.
- Analyze Quality Indicators

Rate Reviews Excluded

- The following Rate Reviews were Excluded from this Plan because they have existing Standard Rate Setting Methodologies:
 - Therapeutic Communities & Residential Community Reintegration (Last RR Completed 9/2021)
 - Federally Qualified Health Centers (Last RR Completed 5/2022)
 - Rural Health Clinics (Last RR Completed 5/2022)
 - Intermediate Care Facilities for IDD
 - Skilled Nursing Facilities
 - Assisted Living Facilities
- Hospital (Acute Care Inpatient; Psychiatric Hospital; Rehabilitation Inpatient; Hospital Outpatient) were also excluded because there is ongoing analysis and discussion with our Actuaries and the Arkansas Hospital Association



Exclusive PASSE HCBS Services

- Because these services are paid exclusively through the PASSE model, they will be on a separate rate review track.
- Services to be looked at include:
 - CES Waiver services
 - HCBS services for children's behavioral health
- The goal of this review is to set a standard baseline for what the service is worth.
- The review is anticipated to start on March 1, 2025.



Rate Review Project Plan – Phase 1 and 2

Phase 1

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
1.1	Dental (Last RR Completed 3/2020)*	10/11/2024	1/31/2025
1.2	Personal Care/ARChoices Attendant & Respite Care (Last RR Completed 8/2020); Independent Choices Personal Care (Last RR Completed 8/2020); ARChoices - except Attendant & Respite Care (Rate Review Completed 3/2023)	1/2/2025	3/31/2025

Phase 2

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
2.1	EIDT & ADDT (Last RR Completed 7/2020)	4/1/2025	6/30/2025
2.2	Ambulance (Last RR Completed 7/2019, UPL completed between rate reviews)	4/1/2025	6/30/2025

*Started early as part of Medicaid's transition from Managed care to FFS.

Rate Review Project Plan – Phase 3 and 4

Phase 3

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
3.1	Durable Medical Equipment (Last RR Completed 7/2021, for Prosthetics only)	7/1/2025	9/30/2025
3.2	Home Hospice (Last RR Completed 10/2019)	7/1/2025	9/30/2025

Phase 4

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
4.1	Physician: Primary Care, Non-Primary Care, Nurse Anesthetist, Nurse Midwife, Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant	10/1/2025	12/31/2025
4.2	Global OB/GYN	10/1/2025	12/31/2025

Rate Review Project Plan – Phase 5 and 6

Phase 5

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
5.1	Chiropractor (Last RR Completed 3/2021)	1/2/2026	3/31/2026
5.2	Physical, Speech, & Occupational Therapies (Last RR Completed 6/2021)	1/2/2026	3/31/2026

Phase 6

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
6.1	Home Health Services (Last RR Completed 12/2022)	4/1/2026	6/30/2026
6.2	Lab & Radiology (Last RR Completed 12/2022)	4/1/2026	6/30/2026

Rate Review Project Plan – Phase 7 and 8

Phase 7

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
7.1	Audiology (Last RR Completed 12/2022)	7/1/2026	9/30/2026
7.2	End Stage Renal Disease (Last RR Completed 8/2022)	7/1/2026	9/30/2026

Phase 8

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
8.1	Ambulatory Surgical Centers (Last RR Completed 6/2022)	10/1/2026	12/31/2026
8.2	Counseling and Crisis Services (Last RR Completed 8/2022)	10/1/2026	12/31/2026

Rate Review Project Plan – Phase 9 and 10

Phase 9

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
9.1	Private Duty Nursing (Rate Review Completed 2/2023, updated 2/2024)	1/4/2027	3/31/2027
9.2	Optometry/Vision (Rate Review Completed 2023)	1/4/2027	3/31/2027

Phase 10

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
10.1	Pharmacy (Rate Review Completed 3/2023)	4/1/2027	6/30/2027
10.2	Target Case Management (Rate Review Completed 3/2023)	4/1/2027	6/30/2027

Rate Review Project Plan – Phase 11

Phase 11

Task ID	Task Name	Start Date	End Date
11.1	Developmental Therapy Services (Rate Review Completed 3/2023)	7/1/2027	9/30/2027
11.2	Autism Services (Waiver and Applied Behavioral Analysis, Last Completed Fall 2024)	7/1/2027	9/30/2027

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