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TO: ALL ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURERS, HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL SERVICE CORPORATIONS & OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES

FROM: ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: ARKANSAS HEALTHCARE TRANSPARENCY INITIATIVE, REVISED DATA SUBMISSION GUIDE RELEASE

On October 20, 2021, via Bulletin 14-2021, the Arkansas Insurance Department published for public comment a revised version of the Data Submission Guide (“DSG”) for the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative (“Transparency Initiative”). The comment period concluded on November 19, 2021.

Please find available via electronic publication by the Arkansas Insurance Department (“AID”), a revised version of the Data Submission Guide (“DSG”) for the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative (“Transparency Initiative”) at <https://www.arkansasapcd.net/Resources/DataSubmissionGuideResources/>

Revisions to the DSG include:

- Aligning with Common Data Layout;
- Including institutional values to inpatient-only fields;
- Adding ZIP4;
- Adding a point of origin appendix;
- Aligning and clarifying definitions;
- Making certain optional fields required;
- Changing the language and ethnicity code references;
- Adding Arkansas Medicaid aid category codes;
- Adding placeholder fields; and
- Other technical updates.

Material revisions of the DSG are governed by AID Rule 100, promulgated pursuant to the authority granted in Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-901, et seq. and other applicable laws or rules.

The revised version submitted for public comment had been approved by the Arkansas Healthcare Transparency Initiative Board at their Quarterly Meeting on October 12, 2021, with no recommended changes. No comments were received during the comment period, and the final revised version of the DSG is hereby approved by the Commissioner.



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