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OFFICIAL NOTICE

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TO: Health Care Provider – ElderChoices

DATE:

SUBJECT: Service Providers in Border Cities

I. General Information

Effective August 1, 2003, providers of ElderChoices Waiver services in trade-area cities in states that border Arkansas may enroll with Arkansas Medicaid as ElderChoices providers.

II. ElderChoices Waiver Provider Location

An ElderChoices Waiver provider must be physically located in the State of Arkansas or physically located in a bordering state and serving a trade-area city. The trade-area cities are limited to Monroe and Shreveport, Louisiana; Clarksdale and Greenville, Mississippi; Poplar Bluff, Missouri; Poteau and Salisaw, Oklahoma; Memphis, Tennessee; and Texarkana, Texas.

Arkansas Medicaid does not provide ElderChoices Waiver services in non-bordering states or cities in bordering states that are not included in the list above.

NOTE: ElderChoices Waiver services may be billed to Arkansas Medicaid only for Arkansas Medicaid recipients. The services, while possibly provided outside the state, must be provided to Arkansas residents who are waiver participants.

III. Provider Licensure/Certification

ElderChoices Home and Community Based Waiver providers must be certified by the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS), as having met all Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved provider criteria for the covered service(s) they wish to provide.

Each provider must be licensed and/or certified by their state's appropriate licensing/certifying authority unless stated otherwise in the ElderChoices Home and Community Based 2176 Waiver Provider Manual. Copies of all appropriate licenses and certifications must be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Human Services, Division of Aging and Adult Services for certification as potential ElderChoices providers.

If you need this material in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (501) 682-6789 or 1-877-708-8191. Both telephone numbers are voice and TDD.

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the EDS Provider Assistance Center at In-State WATS 1-800-457-4454, or locally and Out-of-State at (501) 376-2211.

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

Roy Jeffus, Interim Director

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