

ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NO. & TITLE: 560-X-52-.04 – Characteristics of Persons Requiring ICF/MR Care

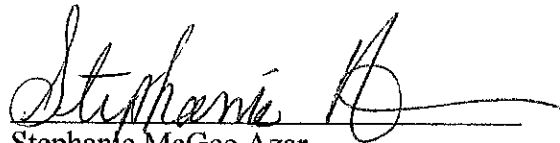
INTENDED ACTION: Amend 560-X-52-.04

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The above referenced rule is being amended to change all references to “mental retardation” to “intellectual disability” and to change all references to a “mentally retarded individual” to “an individual with an intellectual disability.”

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments may be submitted to the Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Agency business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written/Oral comments concerning this change must be received by the Alabama Medicaid Agency no later than June 4, 2014.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Stephanie Lindsay, Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624.



Stephanie McGee Azar
Acting Commissioner

Rule No. 560-X-52-.04 Characteristics of Persons Requiring ICF/IIDMR Care

(1) Generally, persons eligible for the level of care provided in an ICF/IIDMR are those persons who need such level of care because the severe, chronic nature of their mental impairment results in substantial functional limitations in three or more of the following areas of life activity:

- Self Care
- Receptive and expressive language
- Learning
- Self-direction
- Capacity for independent living
- Mobility

(2) Services provided in an Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities ~~the mentally retarded in Alabama~~ are those services that provide a setting appropriate for a functionally individual with intellectual disabilities ~~mentally retarded person~~ in the least restrictive productive environment currently available. Determination regarding eligibility for ICF/IIDMR care is made by a Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Mental Retardation Professional (QIDMRP). A QIDMRP is an individual possessing, at minimum, those qualifications in 42 C.F.R. Section 442.401. Recommended continued stay is made by an interdisciplinary team of a nurse, social worker, and a member of appropriate related discipline, usually a psychologist, and certified by a QIDMRP and a physician.

(3) ICF/IIDMR care includes those services that address the functional deficiencies of the beneficiaries and that require the skills of a QIDMRP to either provide directly or supervise others in the provision of services needed for the beneficiary to experience personal hygiene, participate in daily living activities appropriate to his functioning level, take medication under appropriate supervision (if needed), receive therapy, receive training toward more independent functioning, and experience stabilization as a result of being in the least restrictive, productive environment in which he or she can continue his/her individual developmental process.

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Statutory Authority: Social Security Act §1915(c); 42 C.F.R. Section 441, Subpart G—Home and Community-Based Services: Waiver Requirements.

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