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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No: 560 Department or Agency: Alabama Medicaid Agency

Rule No: 560-X-7-.25(3)(b)

Rule Title: Prior Authorization  
\_\_\_\_\_ New Rule; X Amend; \_\_\_\_\_ Repeal; \_\_\_\_\_ Adoption by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? \_\_\_\_\_ yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? \_\_\_\_\_ no

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? \_\_\_\_\_ yes

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Does the proposed rule have any economic impact? \_\_\_\_\_ no

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer: Stephanie Lindsay

Date: 8/20/14

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**ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 560-X-7-.25 Prior Authorization

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend 560-X-7-.25(3)(b)

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The above referenced rule is being amended to better address the application of the Alabama Medicaid Agency Adult/Pediatric Inpatient SI/IS (Severity of Illness/Intensity of Services) Care Criteria in reviewing and approving coverage of additional days once an OB (obstetrical) recipient has exceeded the 16 inpatient days.

**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 October 3, 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-7-.25 Prior Authorization**

(1) Out-of-State Referrals - Prior authorization will be required for organ transplants and select surgical procedures. (Refer to Rule No. 560-X-1-.27 and Rule No. 560-X-6-.13 respectively).

(2) Dental Hospitalization - See Chapter 15, Dental Services, for details.

(3) Additional inpatient days for deliveries, beyond the initial days paid may be authorized upon request for recipients who have exceeded their initial 16 paid days.

(a) A ten digit authorization number will be issued for those stays that are medically necessary and meet the Alabama Medicaid Adult and Pediatric Inpatient Care Criteria.

(b) Additional days other than for induction, onset of labor-~~active labor~~, delivery, and inpatient postpartum care will not be authorized.

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**Authority:** State Plan, Attachment 3.1A; Title XIX, Social Security Act; 42 C.F.R. Section 431.25.

**History:** Rule effective October 1, 1982. Amended July 8, October 1, November 10, 1983; May 9, 1984; June 9, October 11, 1986; April 1, 1988 and October 12, 1988. Emergency Rule effective January 1, 1989. Amended March 14, 1989; April 17, 1990; January 15, 1991; October 12, 1991, and October 13, 1992. Effective date of this amendment is April 11, 1997.

**Emergency Rule:** Filed and effective September 2, 2010.

**Amended:** Filed September 20, 2010; effective December 17, 2010. Filed August 20, 2014