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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No: 560 Department or Agency: Alabama Medicaid Agency

Rule No: 560-X-62-.04

Rule Title: Citizen's Advisory Committee

X New Rule; _____ 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

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.

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: 12-17-2013

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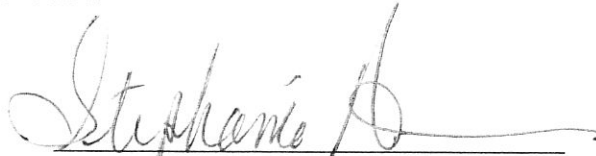
INTENDED ACTION: Add New Rule 560-X-62-.04

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The above referenced rule is being created to comply with the Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 22-6-150 et seq. This rule is being added to Chapter 62 of the Alabama Administrative Code which addresses Regional Care Organizations (RCOs) created by Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 22-6-150 et seq. The new rule sets forth requirements for the Citizen's Advisory Committee of an RCO to comply with Section 22-6-150 et seq.

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 February 4, 2014.

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



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Rule No. 560-X-62-.04 – Citizen’s Advisory Committee – NEW RULE

A citizen’s advisory committee shall advise the organization on ways the organization may be more efficient in providing quality care to Medicaid beneficiaries. In addition, an advisory committee shall carry out other functions and duties assigned to it by a regional care organization and approved by the Medicaid Agency. Each regional care organization shall have a citizen’s advisory committee, as shall an organization seeking to become a regional care organization, which membership shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state. The committee shall meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Be selected in a method established by the organization seeking to become a regional care organization, or established by the regional care organization, and approved by the Medicaid Agency.
- (2) At least 20 percent of its members shall be Medicaid beneficiaries or, if the organization has been certified as a regional care organization, at least 20 percent of its members shall be Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the regional care organization. It shall be applicant’s sole responsibility to obtain all necessary approvals, consents or waivers from Medicaid beneficiaries and to comply with all applicable laws regarding privacy and confidentiality related to such information before providing it to the Medicaid Agency.
- (3) Include members who are representatives of organizations that are part of the Disabilities Leadership Coalition of Alabama or Alabama Arise, or their successor organizations.
- (4) Include only persons who live in the Medicaid region the organization plans to serve; or if the organization has become a regional care organization, include only persons who live in the Medicaid region served by the regional care organization. The membership of the committee shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the region.
- (5) Elect a chair.
- (6) Meet at least every three months.

Author: Sharon Weaver, Administrator, Administrative Procedures Office.

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 22-6-150 *et seq.*

History: Filed December 17, 2013.