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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-.14

Rule Title: Quality Assurance Process

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

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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: 10/19/14

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**ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY**

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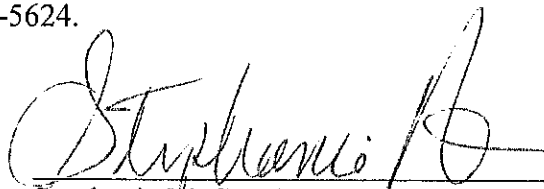
**INTENDED ACTION:** Add New Rule 560-X-62-.14

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The above referenced rule is being added to create minimum requirements for a regional care organization performance monitoring and improvement process.

**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 August 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-62-.14 Quality Assurance Process – NEW RULE**

- (1) The Medicaid Agency shall have a regional care organization performance monitoring and improvement process that includes at a minimum:
  - a. The review of monthly, quarterly and annually-reported quality and performance data, including outcomes and quality measures adopted by the Medicaid Quality Assurance Committee, regional care organization operational and administrative measures, CMS-required performance standards and other measures as deemed necessary by the Medicaid Agency in its contract with a regional care organization and/or in rules promulgated by the Medicaid Agency to manage the regional care organization program.
  - b. At least quarterly, a meeting with the executive director, medical director and others as determined by the Medicaid Agency from each regional care organization to share performance results, discuss performance successes and challenges and determine the effectiveness of quality improvement activities
  - c. At least annually, a meeting with the Medicaid Quality Assurance Committee to adopt the recommended regional care organization outcome and quality measure set for the upcoming calendar year. Prior to the annual meeting, the Medicaid Agency shall distribute performance reports and other materials, as necessary, to assist Committee members with evaluating the effectiveness of outcome and quality measures and determining whether to change the regional care organization outcome and quality measure set. The Medicaid Agency shall also conduct telephonic, webinar or in-person meetings with the Medicaid Quality Assurance Committee, as necessary, to discuss performance results.
  - d. At least annually, a meeting with each regional care organization's provider standards committee to share that regional care organization's performance results for the purpose of determining the effectiveness of provider performance standards and quality measures. This meeting may be conducted by telephonic, webinar or in-person means.

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 22-6-150 *et seq*; 42 CFR Part 438.

**History:** New Rule: Filed June 19, 2014