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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-.10

Rule Title: Minimum Fee-For-Service Reimbursement Rates
___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: _5-20-14___
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ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

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RULE NO. & TITLE: 560-X-62-.10 Minimum Fee-For-Service Reimbursement Rates

INTENDED ACTION: Add New Rule 560-X-62-.10

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 to 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 the minimum fee-for-service reimbursement rates that a regional care organization shall pay providers for applicable Medicaid services provided to a Medicaid beneficiary in accordance with Section 22-6-153(c) of the Alabama Code.

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 July 7, 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

New Rule

Rule No. 560-X-62-.10 Minimum Fee-For-Service Reimbursement Rates

(1)   In accordance with Section 22–6–153 (c) of the Alabama Code, the minimum fee-for-service reimbursement rates that a regional care organization shall pay providers for applicable Medicaid services provided to a Medicaid beneficiary shall be the prevailing Medicaid fee–for–service payment schedule, unless otherwise jointly agreed to by a provider and a regional care organization through a contract or mandated by federal law.

(2)   The minimum provider reimbursements shall be incorporated into the actuarially sound rate development methodology for each regional care organization. The Medicaid Agency shall submit the methodology and resulting rates to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for approval.

Author: Sharon Weaver, Administrator, Administrative Procedures Office.
Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 22-6-150 *et seq.*
History: New Rule: Filed May 20, 2014.