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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No: 560 Department or Agency: Alabama Medicaid Agency

Rule No: 560-X-6-.12

Rule Title: Covered Services: General

_____ 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

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: 11/18/2015

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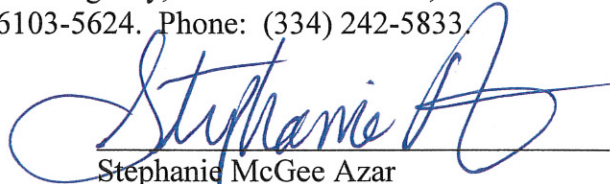
INTENDED ACTION: Amend 560-X-6-.12

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The above referenced rule is being amended due to a change in the name of the Alabama Medicaid Agency fiscal agent.

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 January 4, 2016.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Stephanie Lindsay, Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Phone: (334) 242-5833.



Stephanie McGee Azar
Commissioner

Rule No. 560-X-6-.12 Covered Services: General

- (1) In general, physician services are covered by Medicaid if the services are:
- (a) Considered medically necessary by the attending physician. However, when the persons designated responsible for utilization review have issued a denial for inpatient days, no ancillary charge or professional charges will be reimbursed during the denied period.
 - (b) Designated by procedure codes in Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT), or designated by special procedure codes created by Medicaid for its own use.

(2) Physicians will not be paid for and should not submit claims for laboratory work done for them by independent laboratories or by hospital laboratories. Physicians may submit claims for laboratory work done by them in their own offices or own laboratory facilities. For specific information concerning the "professional component" and drawing and extraction reimbursement, see the laboratory chapter.

(3) If a physician is not sure whether a service is covered, that physician can contact the ~~HPES Provider Assistance Center~~ Alabama Medicaid Agency fiscal agent.

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Statutory Authority: Title XIX, Social Security Act; 42 C.F.R, §§401, et seq.; State Plan.

History: Rule effective October 1, 1982. **Amended:** effective June 5, 1983; May 9, 1984; May 8, 1985; March 12, 1987; March 15, 1994; January 12, 1995; June 14, 2002. **Amended:** Filed May 11, 2012; effective June 15, 2012. **Amended:** Filed November 18, 2015.