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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No: 560 Department or Agency: Alabama Medicaid Agency

Rule No: 560-X-64-.04

Rule Title: Citizens' Advisory Committee – NEW RULE

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: 10/20/2016

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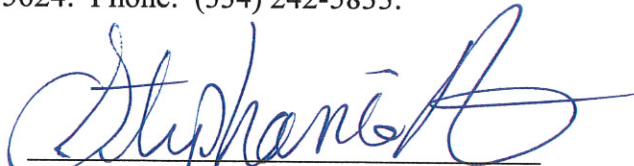
INTENDED ACTION: Add New Rule 560-X-64-.04

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The above referenced rule is being amended to create a citizens' advisory committee in accordance with § 22-6-222 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 December 5, 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.



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Rule No. 560-X-64-.04 Citizens' Advisory Committee -- NEW RULE

(1) A citizens' advisory committee (CAC) shall advise an integrated care network (ICN) on ways it may be more efficient in providing quality care to Medicaid beneficiaries. In addition, a CAC shall carry out other functions and duties assigned to it by the ICN and approved by the Medicaid Agency. Each ICN shall have a CAC, which membership shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the population served. The committee shall meet all of the following criteria:

(a) Be selected in a method established by the ICN and approved by the Medicaid Agency.

(b) At least 20 percent of its members shall be Medicaid beneficiaries or sponsors of Medicaid beneficiaries or, if the ICN has been certified as an integrated care network, at least 20 percent of its members shall be Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in the integrated care network, or the Medicaid beneficiary's sponsor. It shall be the ICN'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.

(c) Include members who are representatives of organizations that are part of the Disabilities Leadership Coalition of Alabama or Alabama Arise, or their successor organizations, the Alabama chapter of AARP, the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program, the Disability Rights and Resources, the Arc of Alabama, and also include members who are non-at-risk providers that provider services to Medicaid beneficiaries through the integrated care network.

(d) Elect a chair.

(e) Meet at least every three months.

(2) A member may participate and/or vote in a meeting of the CAC by means of telephone conference, videoconference, or similar communications equipment. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting for all purposes, including the establishment of a quorum. Such participation is permitted only if:

(a) All persons participating in the meeting may hear each other at the same time;

(b) The equipment necessary to participate in the meeting is readily available to all members of the committee; and

(c) The meeting of the CAC is conducted at a physical location whereby members have the option to attend the meeting in-person.

Author: Stephanie Lindsay, Administrator, Administrative Procedures Office.

Statutory Authority: Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 22-6-220 *et seq.*

History: New Rule: Filed October 20, 2016.