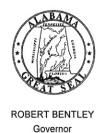
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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: <u>AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE</u>

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend its State Plan for Medical Assistance through a State Plan Amendment. This amendment will remove barbiturates, benzodiazepines and agents used to promote smoking cessation from the list of drugs the Medicaid program may exclude or restrict from coverage. These changes are being made in accordance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Program Notices.

A copy of the proposed changes will be made available upon request for public review at each county office of the Department of Human Resources and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Written comments concerning these changes are welcome and should be mailed to: Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P. O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. All written comments will be available for review by the public during normal business hours at the above address.

Stephanie McGee Azar Acting Commissioner