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PN-10-02

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Effective May 14, 2010, the Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend Attachment 4.19-B, Page 10a of the Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance.

The purpose of the amendment to Attachment 4.19-B, Page 10a is to change the ambulance transport reimbursement methodology for QMB eligibles. Medicaid will pay the Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance to the extent of the lesser of the level of reimbursement under Medicare rules and allowances or total reimbursement allowed by Medicaid less Medicare payment. This change is expected to save the state \$489,710 in FY 2010 assuming ARRA matching rate remains the same all year and \$1,690,628 in FY 2011 assuming only the first quarter has the ARRA matching rate.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend Attachment 4.19-B, page 5 of the Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance through State Plan Amendment AL-10-003, effective June 1, 2010.

The purpose for amending Attachment 4.19-B, page 5 is to allow Alabama Medicaid to reimburse Alabama Medicaid enrolled psychologists for covered procedure codes at a rate not to exceed 80% of the maximum allowable rate paid to physicians providing the same service. Implementation of this change in reimbursement will be effective June 1, 2010. The projected savings for the State budget is \$68,187.00 for FY '10 and \$204,560.00 for FY '11.

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