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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION PROPOSAL

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 431.408, the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Medicaid) is required to give public notice of its intent to submit a Section 1115 Demonstration proposal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Medicaid is seeking approval of a Section 1115 Demonstration project to implement a new care delivery model that will improve upon and ensure the long-term sustainability of Alabama's Medicaid program.

Through this new care delivery model, risk bearing, provider-based regional care organizations (RCOs) will be paid on a capitated basis to provide the full scope of Medicaid benefits, care coordination services and a medical home to approximately 654,000 Medicaid beneficiaries.

This new care delivery model will enable the State to meet the following goals:

- 1. Address fragmentation in the State's delivery system
- 2. Improve beneficiary outcomes
- 3. Support quality care and protect and further improve access to health care providers
- 4. Increase transparency and fairness in the Medicaid reimbursement system

As required by federal regulation, Medicaid is now opening a formal thirty (30) day comment period and directs interested parties to the following link:

http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/2.0_newsroom/2.7.3_Regional_Care_Organizations.aspx for additional information, a copy of the draft Demonstration proposal and the full Public Notice. A copy of the draft Demonstration proposal will also be 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. Additionally, two opportunities for public comment will be held at the following locations:

March 13th at 10:00 am Alabama Medicaid Agency 501 Dexter Avenue Montgomery, AL 36104 March 18th at 10:00 am Birmingham Botanical Gardens 2612 Lane Park Rd. Birmingham, AL 35223

Medicaid is also making teleconference access available for the March 13th meeting at the Alabama Medicaid Agency. Please see the Medicaid website at http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/2.0_newsroom/2.7.3_Regional_Care_Organizations.aspx for dial-in information.

Written comments concerning these changes should be submitted on or before April 4, 2014, to the following e-mail address: publiccomment@medicaid.alabama.gov or mailed hardcopy 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

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES

<u>DISAPPROVAL WITH SUGGESTED AMENDMENT BY JOINT COMMITTEE ON</u> <u>ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW</u>

MENTAL HEALTH, DEPARTMENT OF

Repealed Rule:

580-1-1-.19

Management Steering Committee

Certification Filed: February 5, 2014

Public Notice appeared in Volume XXXII, Issue No. 2 AAM, Dated November 27, 2013. Disapproved by Joint Committee on Administrative Regulation Review, with suggested amendment, on February 19, 2014.

DISAPPROVAL OF RULE BY JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION REVIEW

NURSING, BOARD OF

Amended Rule:

610-X-7-.02

Delegation by School Nurses

Certification Filed: January 22, 2014

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February 19, 2014.

RED TAPE REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTIONS

Agencies Determined by the Joint Committee on Administrative Regulation Review to be Exempt from the Red Tape Reduction Act, Pursuant to Section 41-22-5(g), Code Of Alabama 1975:

Alabama Securities Commission

Architects, Board of

Athletic Trainers, Board of

Auctioneers, Board of

Chiropractic Examiners, Board of

Counseling, Board of Examiners in

Court Reporting, Board of

Dental Examiners, Board of

Dietetic/Nutrition Practice, Board of Examiners for

Electrical Contractors, Board of

Electronic Security Board of Licensure

Fire College & Personnel Standards Commission

Foresters, Board of Registration for

General Contractors, Board of

Geologists, Board of Licensure for Professional,

Hearing Instrument Dealers Board

Home Builders Licensing Board

Insurance, Department of

Interpreters & Translitertors, Board of

Landscape Architects, Board of

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES (CONT.)

RED TAPE REDUCTION ACT EXEMPTIONS

Agencies Determined by the Joint Committee on Administrative Regulation Review to be Exempt from the Red Tape Reduction Act, Pursuant to Section 41-22-5(g), Code Of Alabama 1975:

Liquefied Petroleum Gas Board

Manufactured Housing Commission

Marriage & Family Therapy, Board of Examiners in

Massage Therapy, Board of

Medical Equipment & Service Providers, Board of

Medical Examiners, Board of

Medical Licensure Commission

Nursing, Board of

Onsite Wastewater Board

Optometry, Board of

Pharmacy, Board of

Plumbers and Gas Fitters Examining Board

Podiatry, Board of

Private Investigation Board

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, Board of Licensure for

Prosthetists & Orthotists, Board of

Physical Therapy, Board of

Psychology, Board of Examiners in

Public Accountancy, Board of

Public Health, Department of

Office of Emergency Medical Services

Office of Facilities Management

Office of Radiation Control

Bureau of Environmental Services

Bureau of Health Provider Standards

Real Estate Appraisers, Board of

Real Estate Commission

Respiratory Therapy, Board of

Security Regulatory Board

Speech Language Pathology and Audiology, Board of Examiners for

Veterinary Medical Examiners