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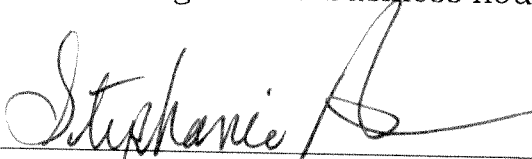
Effective October 1, 2013, the Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend Attachment 3.1-A, Pages 5.12a and 5.12b.1 of the Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance.

The purpose of the amendment is for Alabama Medicaid to:

1. Limit the number of outpatient pharmacy prescriptions to five total drugs per month per adult recipient effective October 1, 2013. Brand name anti-psychotic and anti-retroviral agents may be paid up to ten prescriptions per month but in no case can total brand name prescriptions exceed ten per month per recipient. Prescriptions for Medicaid eligible recipients under age 21 in the Child Health Services/Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program and prescriptions for Medicaid eligible nursing facility residents are excluded from these limitations.
2. Update coverage of new drugs language.
3. Discontinue coverage of over-the-counter (OTC) products with exceptions. OTC insulin and specialized nutritionals will remain covered, as well as OTC nicotine products for Plan First recipients and pregnant females.
4. Implement a long term maintenance medication (three month) supply benefit effective October 1, 2013.

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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Effective October 1, 2013, the Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend Attachment 4.19-B, Page 3 and Page 3a of the Alabama Plan for Medical Assistance.

The purpose of this amendment is to replace Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 9.2% with WAC + 0% in the pharmacy ingredient cost reimbursement methodology language, to remove the enhanced dispensing fee language, and to add verbiage for specialty pharmacy reimbursement effective October 1, 2013.

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