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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION RENEWAL

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 Waiver Demonstration renewal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Medicaid is seeking renewal of the 1115 Research and Demonstration Waiver to continue a delivery model for the provision of family planning services to eligible individuals in Alabama.

This delivery care model is designed to reduce unintended pregnancies and improve the well-being of women and infants in Alabama by extending Medicaid eligibility for family planning services to eligible women between the ages of 19-55 whose income is at or below 141% of the federal poverty level. A standard income disregard of 5% of the federal poverty level is applied if the individual is not eligible for coverage due to excess income.

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

1. Increase the enrollment of income eligible women ages 19-55 without insurance coverage.
2. Maintain the high level of awareness of the Plan First program among program enrollees.
3. Increase the portion of enrollees using family planning services after enrollment in subsequent years.
4. Increase referrals for primary care where indicated during family planning visits.
5. Maintain birth rates among service users that are lower than estimated birth rates without Plan First.

As required by federal regulation, Medicaid is now opening a formal thirty (30) day comment period. Additional information, a copy of the draft Demonstration renewal and the full Public Notice are available to interested parties by accessing the following link:

http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/4.0_Programs/4.4.0_Medical_Services/4.4.4.1_Plan_First.aspx

A copy of the draft Demonstration renewal 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:

Wednesday, July 9th at 4:00 p.m.

Alabama Medicaid Agency Boardroom
501 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104

Thursday, July 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Alabama Medicaid Agency District Office
468 Palisades Blvd.
Birmingham, AL 35209

Medicaid is providing teleconference access for both meetings. Dial-in instructions can be obtained by accessing the following link:

http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/4.0_Programs/4.4.0_Medical_Services/4.4.4.1_Plan_First.aspx

Written comments concerning these changes should be submitted on or before 5:00 p.m. August 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.

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