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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Effective April 1, 2010, the Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend Pages 11b, 11c and 11d to Section 2.1 of the Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance.

The purpose for amending Page 11b, 11c and 11d to Section 2.1 is to elect the Express Lane Eligibility (ELE) option in the Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA) of 2009 for both initial determinations and redeterminations. The Alabama Department of Human Resources (ADHR) has been identified an Express Lane Agency. The ADHR determines eligibility for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program. In this phase of the ELE process, children under age 19 who have been certified or recertified for SNAP or TANF within six months of the Medicaid application or annual review date will be considered eligible for Medicaid regardless of differences in determining family size, budgeting income, applying income disregards or other methodologies. We do not expect this Amendment to have a significant impact on the state budget.

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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