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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

**SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

Effective March 1, 2009, the Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to add preprint page 53b and Supplement 8c to Attachment 2.6-A, Pages 1 and 2 of the Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance.

The purpose for adding preprint page 53b and Supplement 8c to Attachment 2.6-A, Pages 1 and 2 is to incorporate language in the State Plan from Section 6021 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 regarding the implementation of a Qualified State Long-Term Care Insurance Partnership Program. The proposed change will allow the disregard of assets in an amount equal to benefits paid to, or on behalf of, an individual who is a beneficiary of a policy that qualifies under the Partnership Program for long-term care services received when determining Medicaid eligibility and in subsequent estate recovery. This change to the State Plan is expected to have a positive fiscal impact, because it will assure individuals who purchase Partnership policies that some, if not all, of their assets will be legally protected. As more individuals take responsibility for planning for their future long-term care needs, fewer individuals will need to rely on Medicaid to pay for all their long term care expenses.

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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