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## PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend Attachment 3.1-A, pages 2 and 2.5 of the Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance through State Plan Amendment AL-09-008, effective February 1, 2010.

The purpose for amending Attachment 3.1-A, pages 2 and 2.5 is to allow Alabama Medicaid to reimburse Alabama Medicaid enrolled dermatology and psychiatry providers for participation in a Telemedicine Program. This program is designed to provide health care to Medicaid eligible recipients residing in medically underserved areas in Alabama.

Effective February 1, 2010,

- limited to specialties of dermatology and psychiatry, with the potential for other specialties to be added at a future date.
- reimburse provider located at distant site, the usual and customary Agency rate for a face to face encounter, there will be no reimbursement for originating or transmission fees.
- distant site will be identified as the location where the physician providing the telecommunications professional services is located, and must be within the state of Alabama.
- origination site will be in a non-metropolitan/rural health care professional shortage area. The origination site is the location where the recipient will present for medically necessary health care services via a telecommunication system, and must be located within the state of Alabama.

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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