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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT SECTION 1115 DEMONSTRATION PROPOSAL

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 Demonstration proposal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Medicaid is seeking approval of a Section 1115 Demonstration project to implement a new care delivery model that will improve upon and ensure the long-term sustainability of Alabama's Medicaid program.

Through this new care delivery model, risk bearing, provider-based regional care organizations (RCOs) will be paid on a capitated basis to provide the full scope of Medicaid benefits, care coordination services and a medical home to approximately 654,000 Medicaid beneficiaries.

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

1. Address fragmentation in the State's delivery system
2. Improve beneficiary outcomes
3. Support quality care and protect and further improve access to health care providers
4. Increase transparency and fairness in the Medicaid reimbursement system

As required by federal regulation, Medicaid is now opening a formal thirty (30) day comment period and directs interested parties to the following link: http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/2.0_newsroom/2.7.3_Regional_Care_Organizations.aspx for additional information, a copy of the draft Demonstration proposal and the full Public Notice. A copy of the draft Demonstration proposal 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:

March 13th at 10:00 am
Alabama Medicaid Agency
501 Dexter Avenue
Montgomery, AL 36104

March 18th at 10:00 am
Birmingham Botanical Gardens
2612 Lane Park Rd.
Birmingham, AL 35223

Medicaid is also making teleconference access available for the March 13th meeting at the Alabama Medicaid Agency. Please see the Medicaid website at http://medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/2.0_newsroom/2.7.3_Regional_Care_Organizations.aspx for dial-in information.

Written comments concerning these changes should be submitted on or before April 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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