

**ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 560-X-5-.01 Psychiatric facilities for Individuals 65 or Over  
- General

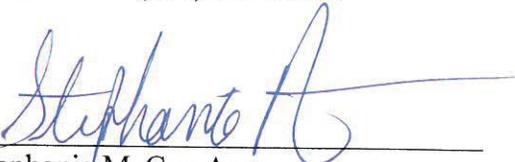
**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend 560-X-5-.01

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The above referenced rule is being amended to remove the 16 day inpatient hospital reimbursement limitation in accordance with State Plan Amendment 13-016.

**TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS:** Written or oral comments may be submitted to the Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Agency business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:** Written/Oral comments concerning this change must be received by the Alabama Medicaid Agency no later than June 4, 2015.

**CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY:** Stephanie Lindsay, Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Phone: (334) 242-5833.

  
Stephanie McGee Azar  
Acting Commissioner

**Rule No. 560-X-5-.01 Psychiatric Facilities for Individuals 65 or Over - General**

(1) Inpatient psychiatric services for recipients age 65 or over, are covered services when provided:

(a) In a free-standing psychiatric hospital exclusively for the treatment of persons age 65 or over with serious mental illness (as defined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition);

(b) Under the direction of a geriatric psychiatrist;

(c) After the recipient reaches the age of 65; and

(d) To a patient remaining in a facility for the course of the hospitalization.

(2) Inpatient psychiatric services for recipients age 65 and over are unlimited if medically necessary and the admission and/or the continued stay reviews meet the approved psychiatric criteria. ~~These days do not count against the recipient's inpatient day limitation for care in an acute care hospital.~~

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**Authority:** State Plan, Attachment 3.1-14.

**History:** Rule effective October 12, 1995. **Amended:** Filed April 20, 2015.