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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR  
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control No: 560 . Department or Agency: Alabama Medicaid Agency .

Rule No: 560-X-64-.19.

Rule Title: Readiness Assessment Requirements.

X New Rule;      Amend;      Repeal;      Adoption by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? no

Is there a reasonable relationship between the state's police power and the protection of the public health, safety, or welfare? yes

Is there another, less restrictive method of regulation available that could adequately protect the public? no

Does the proposed rule have the effect of directly or indirectly increasing the costs of any goods or services involved and, if so, to what degree? no

Is the increase in cost, if any, more harmful to the public than the harm that might result from the absence of the proposed rule? no

Are all facets of the rulemaking process designed solely for the purpose of, and so they have, as their primary effect, the protection of the public? yes

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Does the proposed rule have any economic impact? no

If the proposed rule has an economic impact, the proposed rule is required to be accompanied by a fiscal note prepared in accordance with subsection (f) of Section 41-22-23, Code of Alabama 1975.

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Certification of Authorized Official

I certify that the attached proposed rule has been proposed in full compliance with the requirements of Chapter 22, Title 41, Code of Alabama 1975 and that it conforms to all applicable filing requirements of the Administrative Procedure Division of the Legislative Reference Service.

Signature of certifying officer: Stephanie Lindsay

Date: 8/21/2017

**ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 560-X-64-.19 - Readiness Assessment Requirements

**INTENDED ACTION:** Add New Rule 560-X-64-.19

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The above referenced rule is being created to establish readiness assessment requirements for an Integrated Care Network.

**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 October 5, 2017.

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



Stephanie McGee Azar  
Commissioner

**Rule No. 560-X-64-.19 Readiness Assessment Requirements – NEW RULE**

- (1) Only organization(s) that has/have been granted probationary certification as an integrated care network who have submitted responses to the Mandated Competitive Procurement (MCP) and been selected by the Medicaid Agency for readiness assessment (the “organization”) shall be subject to a readiness assessment period.
- (2) During the readiness assessment period, the organization must demonstrate readiness to satisfy requirements of the Medicaid Agency in the areas set forth below and as may otherwise be required by the MCP and Section 22-6-220, *et seq.* of the Alabama Code and rules promulgated thereunder:
  - (a) Demonstrate the existence of an adequate long-term care and medical service delivery network on or before the date established by the Agency.
  - (b) Demonstrate compliance with the solvency and financial requirements for an integrated care network on or before the date established by the Agency.
  - (c) Demonstrate ability to provide services pursuant to the MCP on or before the date established by the Agency, including development and readiness to operate:
    - (i) Key Staffing
    - (ii) Governance
    - (iii) Provider Services and Materials
    - (iv) Network Adequacy
    - (v) Solvency and Audit
    - (vi) Financial
    - (vii) Care Coordination
    - (viii) Quality Management
    - (ix) Grievance and Appeals
    - (x) Requirements Related to Enrollees
    - (xi) Administrative Support
    - (xii) Technical Infrastructure
    - (xiii) Utilization Management
    - (xiv) Compliance and Oversight
    - (xv) Other Requirements as requested by the Medicaid Agency pursuant to the MCP and subsequent readiness documents.
- (3) The Medicaid Agency will provide a readiness assessment tool detailing the requirements necessary to demonstrate the organization’s readiness to fulfill the obligations of the MCP. The Medicaid Agency will conduct a readiness review which will include desk and onsite reviews of information submitted by the organization.
- (4) All requested documentation, information and/or demonstrations must be submitted or conducted as specified by the Medicaid Agency. The Medicaid Agency may require additional documentation or updates to submissions throughout the readiness assessment period.
- (5) The organization shall produce or provide timely, convenient, and free access at reasonable business hours at the offices of the organization to all books, records, accounts, papers, documents,

and electronic and other recordings in its possession or control relating to the matter related to the readiness assessment, including as applicable the property, assets, business and affairs of the organization.

(6) The organization shall make private office space available to the Medicaid Agency and/or its designee for the duration of any onsite review without cost to the Medicaid Agency and/or its designee.

(7) Only the organization(s) that has/have demonstrated, in the Agency's sole discretion, readiness to begin providing services pursuant to the MCP may be offered a risk contract.

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**Statutory Authority:** Code of Alabama, 1975 Section 22-6-220 *et seq.*

**History:** New Rule: Filed August 21, 2017.