

TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR
NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

Control _____ Department or Agency Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission

Rule No. 825-X-2-.01

Rule Title: Criteria Standards

_____ New Amend _____ Repeal _____ Adopt by Reference

Would the absence of the proposed rule significantly harm or endanger the public health, welfare, or safety? Yes

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? No

Does the proposed action relate to or affect in any manner any litigation which the agency is a party to concerning the subject matter of the proposed rule? No

Does the proposed rule have an 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.

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 Services Agency.

Signature of certifying officer [Signature]

Date: February 14, 2020

Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission

RULE NO. & TITLE: 825-X-2-.01 Criteria Standards

INTENDED ACTION: Amend

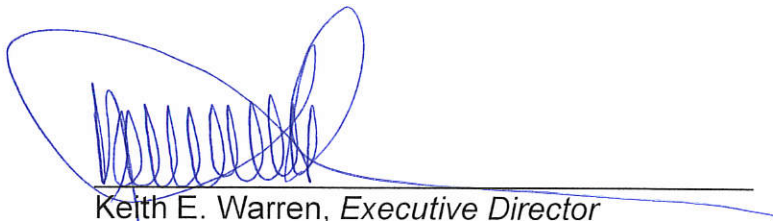
SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The Commission proposes to remove the Tri-County Sickle Cell Foundation due to inactivity and non-service for assigned counties.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written comments will be received by the Board until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020. Comments should be directed to Keith E. Warren, *Executive Director*, 2777 Zelda Road, Montgomery, AL 36106 or via electronic mail at keith@alstateboard.com or via telephone at 334-420-7238.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE:
Friday, April 3, 2020.

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ALABAMA SICKLE CELL OVERSIGHT AND REGULATORY COMMISSION
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

CHAPTER 825-X-2
CRITERIA FOR COMPREHENSIVE SICKLE CELL CENTERS AND
SICKLE CELL CHAPTERS RECEIVING STATE SUPPORT THROUGH
THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND OR THROUGH OTHER RELATED
STATE MECHANISMS

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825-X-2-.01 Criteria Standards.

(1) The Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commission was established by the Alabama State Legislature in the spring of 1996 to oversee the investment that the State makes in sickle cell services, education, screening, counseling, and research in Alabama. The composition of the Commission as defined by Act 96-727 includes: one representative from each of the seven Alabama Chapters of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America; one representative from each of the two Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers in the State; one representative of the Children's Hospital of Alabama; and two appointees of the Governor.

(2) One major goal of the Commission is to establish a set of criteria for entities receiving state support through the Education Trust Fund or through other related state mechanisms. Two entities worthy of funding serve an educational mission in our society, to all regions of the State and for all individuals with sickle cell conditions. These entities are: 1) the Alabama Chapters of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of America and 2) the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers in the State of Alabama. For the purposes of this document, the terms "sickle cell conditions" and "sickle hemoglobinopathy" are defined. The term "sickle cell condition" here refers to all individuals with sickle hemoglobinopathies and those with sickle cell trait. The term "sickle hemoglobinopathy" refers to all medically significant hemoglobinopathies, i.e., sickle hemoglobin in person with clinical or laboratory abnormalities.

(3) The Commission recognizes three important points regarding these entities: 1) All current Alabama Chapters of the Sickle Cell Association of America (North Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation, North Central Alabama Sickle Cell Foundation, Sickle Cell Foundation of Greater Montgomery, Inc., SCDAAs-Mobile Chapter, ~~Tri-County Sickle Cell Anemia Association~~, Southeast Alabama Sickle Cell Association, SCDAAs-West Alabama) and UAB and USA Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers are current, active participants in serving persons with sickle cell conditions; 2) There is a very important linkage between education-focused university-based Sickle Cell Centers and education-focused community-based Sickle Cell Chapters such that the Chapters are extended arms of the educational institutions for comprehensive services, and they enhance the accessibility of comprehensive sickle cell services to the residents of Alabama; 3) Unique pediatric health care facilities including the Children's Hospital of Alabama and the Women's and Children's Hospital in Mobile are formally affiliated with the Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers and are currently active and valid recipients of Educational Trust Funds.

Author: Alabama Sickle Cell Oversight and Regulatory Commissioners

Statutory Authority: Code of Ala. 1975, Legislative Act 96-727, H.250

History: **New Rule:** Filed February 11, 2002; effective March 18, 2002. **Amended:** Filed February 14, 2020.

825-X-2-.02 **Comprehensive Sickle Cell Centers.**

(1) A Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center will:

(a) Be a defined Center with chartered approval by the Board of Trustees of an academic institution in the state of Alabama. The academic institution must have a graduate School of Medicine certified by the Licensing Commission for Medical Education (LCME) of the American Medical Association and of the American Association of Medical Colleges. The Medical School curriculum should include training in the basic and the clinical sciences sufficient to offer the MD degree.

(b) Offer fully certified and accredited services for pediatric and adult individuals with sickle cell conditions. Since by federal mandate sickle cell conditions are diagnosed at birth and both children and adults suffer illness as a result of