



**ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY**

**NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION**

**AGENCY NAME:** Alabama Medicaid Agency

**RULE NO. & TITLE:** 560-X-52-.05 – Qualifications of Staff Who Will Serve As Review Team for Medical Assistance

**INTENDED ACTION:** Amend 560-X-52-.05

**SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION:** The above referenced rule is being amended to change all references to “mental retardation” to “intellectual disability”.

**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 July 5, 2017.

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Commissioner

**Rule No. 560-X-52-.05 Qualifications of Staff Who Will Serve As Review Team for Medical Assistance**

(1) The nurse shall be a graduate of a licensed school of nursing with a current state certification as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or Registered Nurse (RN). This person shall have knowledge and training in the area of ~~mental retardation or related disabilities~~intellectual disabilities with a minimum of two (2) years' nursing experience.

(2) The social worker shall be a graduate of a four-year college with an emphasis in social work. This person shall have knowledge and training in the area of intellectual disabilities with a minimum of two (2) years' social work experience.

(3) The psychologist shall be a Ph.D. in Psychology. This person shall be a licensed psychologist with general knowledge of test instruments used for individuals with intellectual disabilities with a minimum of two (2) years' experience in psychology.

(4) Other professional disciplines which may be represented on the assessment team as necessary depending on the age, functional level, and physical disability of the clients are as follows:

- (a) Special Education,
- (b) Speech Pathologist,
- (c) Audiologist,
- (d) Physical Therapist,
- (e) Optometrist,
- (f) Occupational Therapist,
- (g) Vocational Therapist,
- (h) Recreational Specialist,
- (i) Pharmacist,
- (j) Doctor of Medicine,
- (k) Psychiatrist, and
- (l) Other skilled health professionals

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**Statutory Authority:** Social Security Act §1915(c); 42 C.F.R. Section 441, Subpart G—Home and Community-Based Services: Waiver Requirements.

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