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SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend its State Plan for Medical Assistance through a State Plan Amendment. Effective June 1, 2020 this amendment will change the current default pharmacy ingredient cost reimbursement methodology when no AAC is available from Wholesale Acquisition Cost (WAC) + 0% to WAC - 4 % for brand drugs and WAC + 0% for generic drugs.

A copy of the proposed changes will be made 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.

Written comments concerning these changes are welcome and should be mailed 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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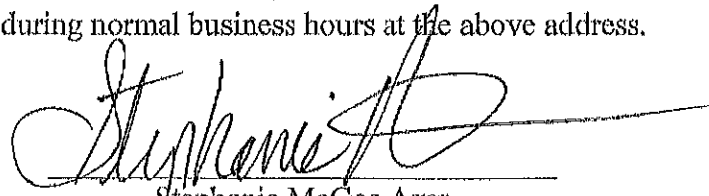
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend its State Plan for Medical Assistance through a State Plan Amendment. This amendment, effective January 1, 2020 will include TCM providers who provide services to disabled children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and children who are Intellectually Disabled, in targeted groups 2, 3, and 10 to be Regional Boards incorporated under Act 310 of the 1967 Alabama Act who have demonstrated ability to provide targeted case management services directly, be ADMH employees, or other contractors of ADMH. Target Groups 3 and 10 limit TCM providers to Regional Boards incorporated under Act 310, or by the ADMH.

The Agency does not anticipate a change in expenditures due to this amendment.

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Statement by Agency Overruling considerations Urged Against Adoption of A Rule

Rule 680-X-2-.44 Collaborative Practice

Collaboration is voluntary. It is between a willing physician and pharmacist and the scope of the agreement must be approved by the parties and their respective boards. This insures that agreement is within their scope of practice. The Board used a template from the American Medical Association as basis for its rule. However, unfortunately, despite their comments, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners never drafted a rule as required by the statute. The statute makes clear that the relationship is between a physician and a pharmacist and not a pharmacy. This enables the collaborative care to be between identified health care practitioners. The statute allows the creation of a collaborative agreement and addresses many of the concerns raised. There is a concern raised about antitrust liability; however, there are no specifics provided and the Board does not believe a rule authorized by a statute enacted by a legislature to allow willing participants to engage in collaborative practice relationship approved by their respective boards causes antitrust concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna C. Yeatman".

Donna C. Yeatman, R.Ph, Executive Secretary