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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### SUBJECT: INTENT TO SUBMIT 1115 SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS (SMI) INSTITUTIONS FOR MENTAL DISEASE (IMD) WAIVER APPLICATION

Pursuant to 42 CFR §431.408, the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Alabama Medicaid) notifies the public that it intends to submit a Section 1115 Demonstration waiver application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Through this application, Medicaid is seeking federal authority to reimburse for acute inpatient stays in IMDs for individuals ages 21-64 diagnosed with a serious mental illness.

Reimbursement will be limited to IMDs operating in the Mobile, Washington and Baldwin counties to target the unique inpatient behavioral health access issues in that region. Medicaid enrollees will be able to access services via the IMDs participating in the demonstration, regardless of their county of residence. The proposed effective date of the waiver is October 1, 2021, pending CMS approval.

As required by federal regulation, Alabama Medicaid will open a formal comment period. Written comments concerning the waiver proposal will be accepted starting January 5, 2021, and are due February 4, 2021. A copy of the draft Demonstration proposal will also be available upon request for public review at each county office of the Department of Human Resources, the State Office of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency. These documents are also available to be viewed on Alabama Medicaid's website at the following link: [https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0\\_Programs/4.2\\_Medical\\_Services/4.2.6\\_Mental\\_Health/4.2.6.2\\_SMI\\_Waiver.aspx](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.2_Medical_Services/4.2.6_Mental_Health/4.2.6.2_SMI_Waiver.aspx).

Send comments to the following e-mail address: [PublicComment@Medicaid.Alabama.gov](mailto:PublicComment@Medicaid.Alabama.gov) or mailed hardcopy 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.

In order to adhere to the Governor's orders regarding social distancing and based on guidance from CMS, public meetings to provide feedback regarding the proposal will be conducted via teleconference. The scheduled opportunities for public comment will be held:

**January 12, 2021 10:00 a.m.**

Join online:

<https://al.gov.webex.com/algov/j.php?MTID=mc6e52d969be07347beab236b5d5b721e>

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**January 14, 2021 2:00 p.m.**

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