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PUBLIC NOTICE

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 will increase the benefit for EPSDT recipients to two eye exams and two pairs of eyeglasses every calendar year and change the benefit for recipients over 21 years of age to one eye exam and one pair of eyeglasses every two (2) calendar years. The estimated increase in expenditures for this State Plan Amendment is expected to be \$1,873,000.

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: 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.

Send comments to the following e-mail address: 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=mc6e52d969be07347beab236h5d5b721e>

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January 14, 2021 2:00 p.m.

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