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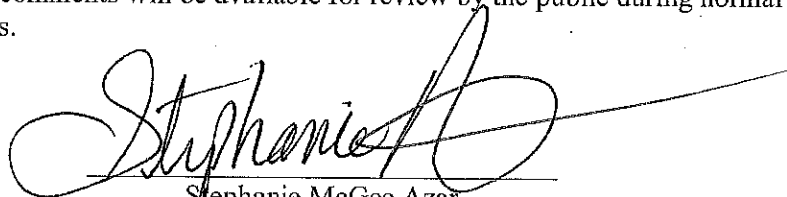
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency (Agency) is proposing to amend its State Plan for Medical Assistance through a State Plan Amendment to Attachment 4.19-B page 2 and 2b.

This amendment will continue the Agency's payments to be sufficient to enlist enough providers so that services under the plan are available to beneficiaries at least to the extent that those services are available to the general population.

The Agency will perform the Qualified Medicaid Practitioner Enhanced Payment and Average Commercial Rate Demonstration for a calendar year to set a Medicaid teaching physician rate based on a percentage of the Medicare rate. The established Medicaid teaching physician rate will be in effect for up to three years. All rates are published on the Agency's website at www.medicaid.alabama.gov. The estimated increase in expenditures for this State Plan Amendment is expected to be \$2.3 million.

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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