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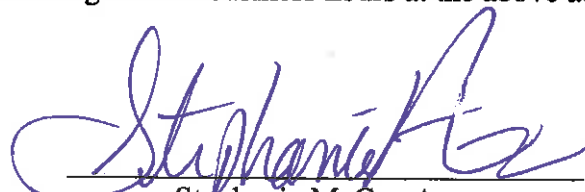
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend its State Plan for Medical Assistance through a State Plan Amendment. This amendment, effective November 1, 2018 will include High Intensity Care Coordination Services to Medicaid-eligible individuals' ages 0-21 who have a diagnosed Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and/or Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) with or without Intellectual Disabilities/Developmental Disabilities under Target Group 10. The estimated increase in expenditures for this State Plan Amendment is expected to be \$16 million total dollars annually.

Additionally, this amendment will allow edits to be made to the language in Target Groups 1 – Mentally Ill Adults, 3-Disabled Children, and 9-Substance Use Disorders. The edits include the addition of required ICD-10 diagnosis in Target Group 1, the addition of required criteria to meet the definition of seriously emotionally disturbed, the removal of outdated information, and the addition of Autism Spectrum Disorder as a covered diagnosis in Target Group 3.

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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