

Workgroup to evaluate, report on Medicaid long term care services

Members of a state workgroup tasked with evaluating Medicaid long term care services are now studying potential ways to improve quality and outcomes for Medicaid recipients. The workgroup, comprised of 17 members, includes long term care and home care providers as well as state agency officials and consumer advocates.

The group was commissioned in 2013 state legislation creating Medicaid Regional Care Organizations (RCOs). Once complete, the workgroup's findings are to be reported to the state Legislature and to Governor Robert Bentley on October 1, 2015. Long term care services are currently exempted under the RCO law.

The group is looking at a wide range of services including both institutional and community-based long term care, according to Kathy Hall, Deputy Commissioner for Program Administration. During February, the group heard presentations from Medicaid, the Alabama Nursing Home Association, the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) and the Alabama Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation. [Click here](#) to see the presentations on the Agency's website.