Alabama Medicaid Agency Hospital Services and Reimbursement Panel August 25, 2022

Panel Members Present
Commissioner Stephanie Azar
Jeffery Brannon
Glenn Sisk
Tom Shufflebarger
Dave White

Others Present Flake Oakley David McIntosh Wesley Ashmore Nate Horsley

<u>Panel Member Not Present</u> Bill Poole – sent representative Jeff Garber

The meeting of the Hospital Services and Reimbursement Panel was held in person at the Alabama Medicaid Agency on Thursday, August 25, 2022. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stephanie Azar at 1:02 PM.

Commissioner Azar called roll and welcomed everyone to the meeting. She stated that the panel was meeting to vote for an approval of the State Plan Amendment (SPA) for Hospital Reimbursement Services to be filed with CMS.

Flake Oakley, Medicaid's Chief Financial Officer, began by reviewing the changes:

- Extension of the effective dates of the hospital reimbursement methodology through September 2023;
- Change in dollar amount of rural and childrens hospitals special supplemental payments due to FMAP changes;
- No access payment amount carried over to be funded in FY 2024;
- Inclusion of language to adjust FY 20/21 utilization factors due to COVID-19; and
- Increase in inpatient per diem rates of 68% and fee-for-service rates of 32%.

Commissioner Azar opened the floor for discussion of the SPA changes. With no comments made, Jeffrey Brannon made a motion to approve the SPA amendments. Tom Shufflebarger seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed for approval for filing.

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ADJOURNMENT

The Hospital Services and Reimbursement Panel was adjourned by Commissioner Azar at 2:15 PM

Stephanie McGee Azar, Commissioner

Stephanie Lindsay, Recorder