

ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NO. & TITLE: 560-X-6-.09 Consent Forms Required Before Payments Can be Made

INTENDED ACTION: Amend 560-X-6-.09

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The above referenced rule is being amended due to a change in the name of the Alabama Medicaid Agency fiscal agent.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments may be submitted to the Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Agency business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written/Oral comments concerning this change must be received by the Alabama Medicaid Agency no later than January 4, 2016.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Stephanie Lindsay, Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. Phone: (334) 242-5833.


Stephanie McGee Azar
Commissioner

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(1) Abortions: A claim seeking payment for an abortion must be accompanied by one or more (depending on the circumstance) of the forms required by federal law and a copy of the medical records. Payment is available for abortions as provided under federal law.

In the event the abortion does not meet the requirements of federal law, and the recipient elects to have the abortion, the provider may bill the recipient for the abortion.

(2) Sterilization: A claim seeking payment for sterilization must be accompanied by a sterilization form (Form 193) or Medicaid approved substitute.

Sterilization by Hysterectomy

(a) Payment is not available for a hysterectomy if:

1. It was performed solely for the purpose of rendering an individual permanently incapable of reproducing, or
2. If there was more than one purpose to the procedure, it would not have been performed but for the purpose of rendering the individual permanently incapable of reproducing.

Hysterectomy procedures performed for the sole purpose of rendering an individual incapable of reproducing are no longer covered under Medicaid. Hysterectomies done as a medical necessity as treatment of disease can be paid for by the Medicaid funds under the physician's program.

(b) A claim seeking payment for a hysterectomy performed for reasons of medical necessity, and not for purpose of sterilization, must be accompanied by a Hysterectomy Consent Form PHY-81243 (rev. 02-10-2010) or Medicaid approved substitute. The doctor's explanation to the patient that the operation will make her sterile, and the doctor's and recipient's signature must precede the operation except in the case of unusual circumstances.

The physician who performed the hysterectomy must complete Part IV. Unusual Circumstances of the revised hysterectomy consent form certifying that, (1) the patient was already sterile when the hysterectomy was performed; the cause of sterility must be stated and supporting medical records (history and physical, operative notes, and discharged summary) must be attached, or (2) the hysterectomy was performed under a life-threatening emergency situation in which prior acknowledgement was not possible. Medical records supporting life-threatening emergency situation must be attached, or (3) the hysterectomy was performed during a period of retroactive Medicaid eligibility, and before the operation was performed, the physician informed the recipient that she would be permanently incapable of reproducing as a result of the operation.

Surgeons are responsible for submitting hard copy hysterectomy consent forms to [HPES-the Alabama Medicaid Agency fiscal agent](#). The form must be signed by both the patient, or a representative, and the physician.

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Statutory Authority: Title XIX, Social Security Act; 42 C.F.R. §§ 401, et seq.; State Plan.

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