The meeting of the Hospital Services and Reimbursement Panel was held by WebEx at the Alabama Medicaid Agency on Thursday, November 19, 2020. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stephanie Azar at 11:00AM.

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:

1) Change in dates to extend the State Plan to cover Fiscal Year 2021.

2) Change in process to calculate Medicare equivalent payment used in Inpatient UPL to use Medicare per diem instead of a claim level MS-DRG calculations.

3) Change in amount of rural hospital component of special appropriation.

4) Change in limitation of access payments to Children’s of Alabama.
Commissioner Azar opened the floor for discussion of the SPA changes. With no comments made, Commissioner Azar made a motion to approve the SPA amendments. Mike Warren seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed for approval for filing.

ADJOURNMENT
The Hospital Services and Reimbursement Panel was adjourned by Commissioner Azar at 11:14AM.

Stephanie McGee Azar, Commissioner

Kim Black, Recorder