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

Panel Member Not Present
Bill Poole

Others Present
Flake Oakley
David McIntosh
Wesley Ashmore
Suzanne Respess
Danne Howard

The meeting of the Hospital Services and Reimbursement Panel was held in person for the panel members at the Alabama Medicaid Agency and by WebEx for the public on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Stephanie Azar at 2:00PM.

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) Extension of the effective dates of the hospital reimbursement methodology through September 2022;

2) Change in dollar amount of rural and Childrens Hospitals special supplemental payments due to FMAP changes;

3) Changes in access payment amount carried over to be funded in FY2023;

4) Inclusion of language to adjust FY20 utilization factors due to COVID-19; and

5) Removal of language related to cost outliers that is no longer applicable due to current reimbursement methodology.
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. Glenn Sisk 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 2:19PM.

Stephanie McGee Azar, Commissioner

Kim Black, Recorder
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Initials

Others in Attendance

Danne Howard
Suzanne Ruggles
Maggy Mckeel
Flake Oakley
David Mcintosh
Ashley Bannister
Stephanie Lindsey
Melanie Cleveland