

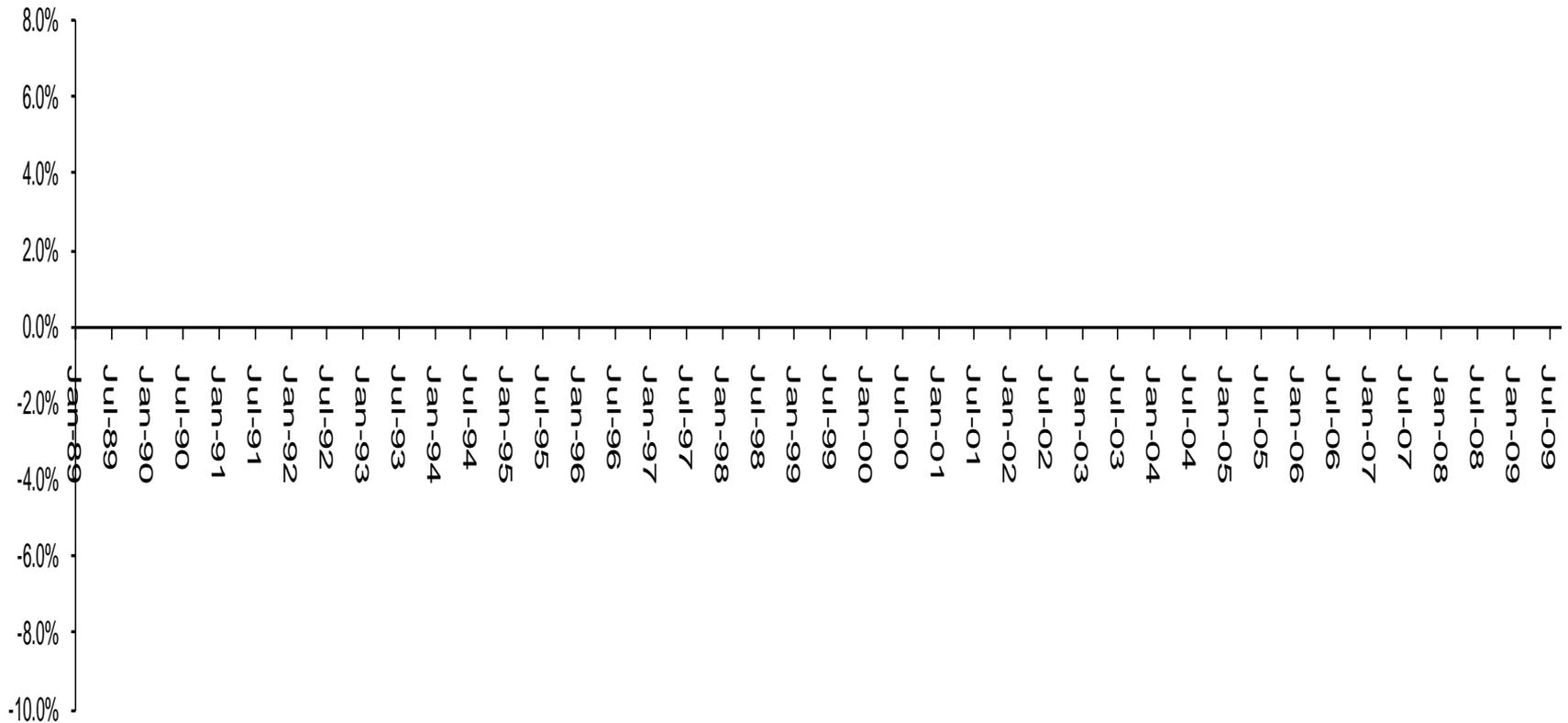
Alabama Medicaid Agency



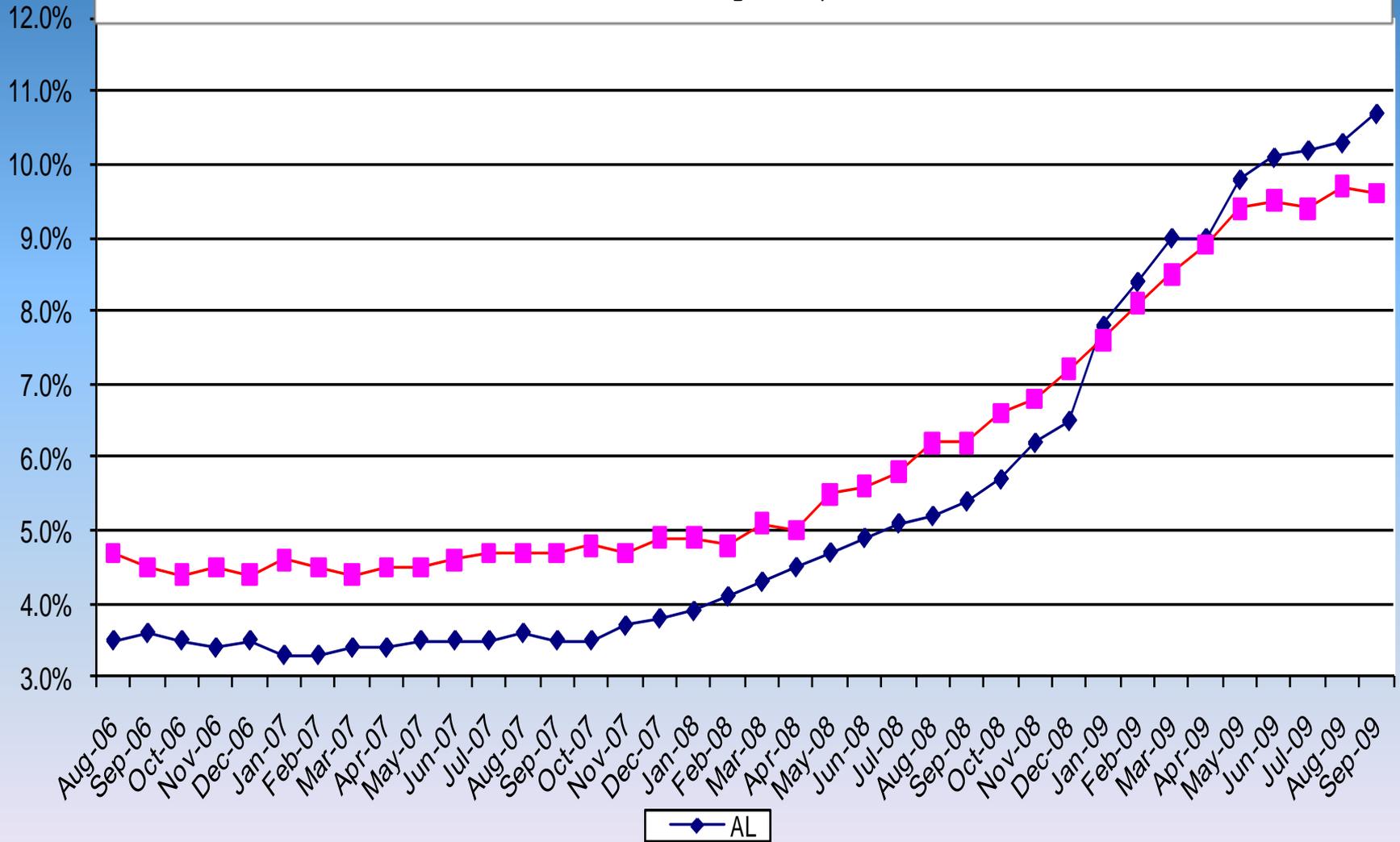
Dental Program



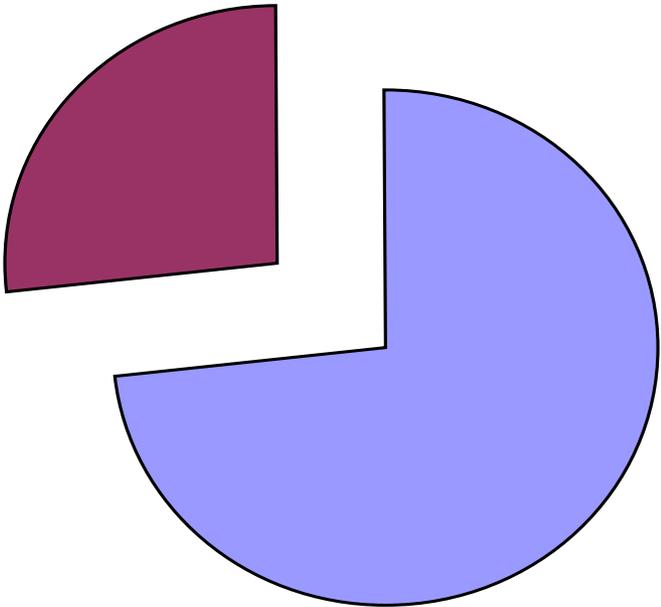
Alabama Economic Index Three Months Moving Average (Year Ago Basis)



U.S. and Alabama Monthly Unemployment Rates (seasonally adjusted)



General Fund and Stimulus Funds (FY 2010)



- GF
- Stimulus Funds

Three Pillars

- Access to Care
- Quality of Care
- Efficient Management of the Program

Appointment of Sub-Committee

- To look at ways to accomplish goals, while recognizing budget realities
- To present recommendations to the Dental Task Force and the Medicaid Commissioner

Sub-Committee Members

- Dr. Rick Simpson
- Dr. John Thornton
- Dr. David Johnson
- Dr. Paige Collins
- Dr. Max Mayer
- Dr. E. Gaines Thomas
- Dr. Eddie Lindsey
- Dr. Stephen Mitchell, UAB School of Dentistry
- Medicaid Agency Medical Director
- Unfilled Position - TBA

Charge to the Sub-Committee

- How to improve relationships between Patient 1st medical home providers and dental home providers
- How to utilize health information technology to provide vital information regarding our recipients to dental providers
- How to maximize resources among a variety of players in the provision of dental services to children – Medicaid, dentists, Head Start, among others

Charge to the Sub-Committee

Continued

- Develop budget neutral recommendations for services, reimbursement and other dental policies
- Develop a strategic, long-term plan for the Medicaid dental program

Dental Program Successes

- Oral Health Coalition of Alabama
- *Smile Alabama!* Initiative
- 1st Look Program
- \$48 million paid to dentists in FY05;
\$72.5 million paid in FY09
- 167,737 dental recipients in FY05;
229,745 in FY09

1st Look Program

- Making progress in prevention of dental disease
- Bridging gaps between medical and dental providers
- 149 providers trained in first year
- 4,579 children served in first year

Dental Task Force

- Created in 1997
- Reviews dental program policy, rules
- Recommends dental practice standards to be incorporated into program policies
- Review surveys and make recommendation for dental program evaluations
- Make general recommendations to address misuse, abuse and fraud

Dental Task Force Membership

- Alabama Dental Association (2)
- Alabama Dental Society (2)
- Alabama Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (2)
- Alabama General Dentistry Association (2)
- UAB Dental School (1)
- Alabama Department of Public Health (1)
- Medicaid Dental Consultant (1)
- Governor's Office (1)
- Alabama Primary Health Care Association (1)
- Dental Hygienist Association (1)

Contact Information

Program Information and Policies

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