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Public Notice

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The Alabama Medicaid Agency is seeking public comments on the proposed renewal application for Alabama Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Waiver for persons with Intellectual Disabilities (ID) for the Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Waiver and the Living at Home (LAH) Waiver. Both waivers provides home and community-based waiver services to individuals who, but for the provision of such services, would require Intermediate Care Facility for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) level of care as defined in 42 CFR §440.150.

Both waivers support individuals in Alabama who have a diagnosis of Intellectual Disabilities and who would otherwise require the level of care offered in an ICF/IID to be integrated fully into their communities. The Alabama Medicaid Agency (AMA) is the Administering Agency and the Alabama Department of Mental Health Division of Developmental Disabilities (ADMH/DDD) is the Operating Agency for both waivers.

The **Intellectual Disabilities (ID) Waiver** renewal application proposes to make the following changes:

- Refine Intake and Level of Care Evaluations;
- Change Self-Direction Liaison from contracted entity to provision by ADMH/DDD staff to expand capacity to support self-direction and improve/assure quality of support offered to waiver participants for self-direction;
- Adjust Support Coordinator Qualifications to comply with DDD Support Coordinators, and
- Added Self-Directed In-Home Respite, Self-Directed Out of Home Respite, and Home Visit IM Injection

The **Living At Home (LAH) Waiver** renewal application proposes to make the following changes:

- Refined Intake and Level of Care Evaluations;
- Change Self-Direction Liaison from contracted entity to provision by ADMH/DDD staff to expand capacity to support self-direction and improve/assure quality of support offered to waiver participants for self-direction;
- Added Qualifications for Self-Directed staff to Respite (In-Home & Out-of-Home) services;

- Adjust Support Coordinator Qualifications to meet minimum standards for DDD-Support Coordinators;
- Add the following services: Adult Companion Care, Housing Stabilization Service, and
- Remove In Home Residential Habilitation services.

A copy of the proposed action can be accessed at www.medicaid.alabama.gov. Hard copies of the application are posted for review inside Alabama Medicaid District Offices.

Written comments on the proposed action must be submitted to Ginger Wettingfeld, Director, LTC Healthcare Reform Division by **September 6, 2020** Via mail to: Alabama Medicaid Agency, LTC Healthcare Reform Division, P.O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624 **or** via e-mail to ginger.wettingfeld@medicaid.alabama.gov.