Rule No. 560-X-37-.07 Regional Care Organizations (RCO) REPEAL

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is responsible for the development and oversight of a Regional Care Organization (RCO) program as part of an overall managed care system within the state. This program will promote accountability for a patient population, coordinate items and services under Medicaid, and encourage investment in the infrastructure of care processes for higher quality and more efficient services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.

Geographic Boundaries

(a) Effective October 1, 2013 the following designations of geographic boundaries have been established for RCO locations:

Region A includes Colbert, Cullman, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, and Morgan counties.

Region B includes Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Chilton, Cleburne, Clay, Coosa, Dekalb, Etowah, Jefferson, Randolph, Shelby, St. Clair, Talladega, Tallapoosa and Walker counties.

Region C includes Bibb, Choctaw, Fayette, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Marengo, Marion, Perry, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, and Winston counties.


Region E includes Baldwin, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington counties.

(b) Each region will be capable of supporting a minimum of two RCOs or alternate care providers.

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Statutory Authority: Alabama State Plan for Medical Assistance (hereinafter State Plan), Section 2.1(c), Attachment 2.1-A; Social Security Act, Title XI and Title XIX, Section 1903(m)(2)(B); Act 2013-261.

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is responsible for the development and oversight of the Alabama Coordinated Health Network (ACHN) program that will consolidate the existing case management programs of Maternity Care, Health Homes, and portions of Family Planning into seven Primary Care Coordination Management Entities that provides seamless, care coordination that focuses on quality and improved health outcomes.

The ACHN program will operate in seven regions. Effective October 1, 2019, the following designations of geographic boundaries have been established for ACHN locations:

1. Central, which includes the following counties: Autauga, Butler, Chilton, Crenshaw, Dallas, Elmore, Lowndes, Marengo, Montgomery, Perry, and Wilcox.

2. East, which includes the following counties: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Clay, Cleburne, Coosa, DeKalb, Etowah, Randolph, St. Clair, Talladega, and Tallapoosa.

3. Jefferson and Shelby, which includes the following counties: Jefferson and Shelby.

4. Northeast, which includes the following counties: Cullman, Jackson, Limestone, Madison, Marshall, and Morgan.

5. Northwest, which includes the following counties: Bibb, Colbert, Fayette, Franklin, Greene, Hale, Lamar, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Marion, Pickens, Sumter, Tuscaloosa, Walker, and Winston.


7. Southwest, which includes the following counties: Baldwin, Choctaw, Conecuh, Clarke, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe, and Washington.

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