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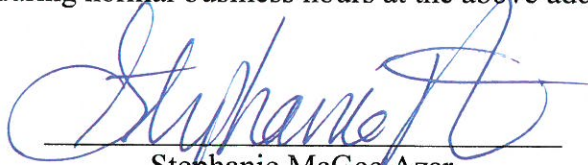
PUBLIC NOTICE

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE ALABAMA STATE PLAN FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

The Alabama Medicaid Agency is proposing to amend its State Plan for psychiatric facilities for age 65 or over through a State Plan Amendment. This amendment will expand the staffing requirements for psychiatric facilities for individuals 65 or older to include at least one full-time board certified geriatric psychiatrist/geriatrician or one full-time board certified adult psychiatrist with a minimum of 3 years experience caring for geriatric patients 65 or older. Additionally, this amendment requires the facilities to employ only staff who meet training/certification standards in the area of adult psychiatry, as opposed to geriatric psychiatry only, as defined by the State's mental health authority.

A copy of the proposed changes will be made available upon request for public review at each county office of the Department of Human Resources and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Written comments concerning these changes are welcome and should be mailed to Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P. O. Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. All written comments will be available for review by the public during normal business hours at the above address.


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