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## **PUBLIC NOTICE: NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUBMIT SECTION 1115 SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER (SUD) DEMONSTRATION PROPOSAL**

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 431.408, the Alabama Medicaid Agency (Alabama Medicaid) is required to give public notice of its intent to submit a Section 1115 Demonstration proposal to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Alabama Medicaid aims to improve outcomes for Medicaid beneficiaries with substance use disorders by maintaining and expanding access to a full continuum of opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance use disorder (SUD) services, while also providing Medicaid coverage of SUD services for previously uninsured individuals.

Alabama Medicaid is submitting a Section 1115 Demonstration to seek federal authority to:

- Allow the State to include SUD residential treatment provided in Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) as part of an essential continuum of care for Medicaid-enrolled individuals with OUD or SUD.
- Extend Medicaid State Plan Medicaid rehabilitation option services and residential treatment in an IMD to qualified low-income individuals without health insurance screened as meeting the criteria for SUD in specific areas of the State.

Through this demonstration, Alabama Medicaid will remove Medicaid payment barriers for OUD and SUD treatment to provide coordinated and comprehensive treatment in outpatient and community-based settings as well as in residential and inpatient treatment settings including those settings the State identifies as an IMD. Alabama Medicaid aims to increase critical access to residential treatment capacity, allowing Alabama to provide an effective SUD treatment continuum of care with interventions capable of meeting individuals' changing needs for various levels of care (LOCs). In addition to improving access to the continuum of SUD treatment services, Alabama Medicaid also aims to enhance linkages between behavioral health and physical health providers, thereby increasing the integration of whole-person care.

### **Opportunities for Public Input**

As required by federal regulation, Alabama Medicaid will open a formal thirty (30) day comment period. A copy of the draft Section 1115 Demonstration proposal, the full public notice, and additional information can be found on Alabama Medicaid's website at: [https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0\\_Programs/4.2\\_Medical\\_Services/4.2.6\\_Mental\\_Health/4.2.6.2\\_SMI\\_Waiver.aspx](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/4.0_Programs/4.2_Medical_Services/4.2.6_Mental_Health/4.2.6.2_SMI_Waiver.aspx). A copy of the draft Section 1115 Demonstration proposal will also be available upon request for public review at the State Office of the Alabama Department of Mental Health, and the State Office of the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Written comments concerning the Section 1115 Demonstration proposal will be accepted starting May 2, 2023 and are due by June 2, 2023. Send comments to the following email address: [sud-](mailto:sud-)

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[imdservices@medicaid.alabama.gov](mailto:imdservices@medicaid.alabama.gov) or mail hardcopy to Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, P.O. Box 524, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624. All written comments will be available for review by the public during normal business hours at the above address.

Alabama Medicaid will also host two public hearings to provide feedback regarding the Section 1115 Demonstration proposal. The public hearings will include presentations describing the proposed changes and opportunities for public testimony. The two public hearings will be held at the following locations and times:

Option 1	Option 2
Thursday, May 11 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am	Friday, May 12 <sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am
<p><b>Lurleen B. Wallace Building</b> 500 Monroe Street, Montgomery, AL 36130</p>	<p><b>JBS Mental Health Authority</b> 940 Montclair Rd #200, Birmingham, AL 35213</p>
<p>To join the meeting remotely please use the following meeting link: <a href="https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=mf40a13d8fd8e7f3b8533e3e0ba6d2de">https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=mf40a13d8fd8e7f3b8533e3e0ba6d2de</a> e</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting access code: 2597 851 5101</li> <li>• Meeting password: dmVfjNjQ522</li> </ul> <p>To join the meeting by phone please use the following number: +1 (650) 479-3208</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting access code: 2597 851 5101#</li> <li>• Attendee number: enter #</li> </ul>	<p>To join the meeting remotely please use the following meeting link: <a href="https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=m9533357238f1cbc7953554e31bf18fa4">https://medicaid.webex.com/medicaid/j.php?MTID=m9533357238f1cbc7953554e31bf18fa4</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting access code: 2594 540 5451</li> <li>• Meeting password: ukSJpZAw369</li> </ul> <p>To join the meeting by phone please use the following number: +1 (650) 479-3208</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting access code: 2594 540 5451#</li> <li>• Attendee number: enter #</li> </ul>

  
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