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TO: Hospitals, Nursing Facilities, Providers of Home Health Care or Personal Care Services, Hospices, and Health Maintenance Organizations

SUBJECT: Summary of State Law on Advance Directives

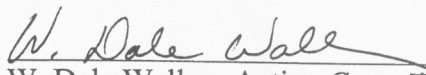
The Alabama Medicaid Agency has amended its regulation regarding the summary of state law on advance directives, found in **Rule 560-X-28-.02** of the Medicaid Administrative Code, effective July 15, 1999. The development and distribution of this summary is required by the federal Patient Self-Determination Act.

The attached summary replaces any summaries now in use and **must be provided to your adult patients regardless of (or in addition to)** any other advance directive brochures, forms or other information that you supply to your patients.

Providers wishing to produce their own version of the summary may do so as long as the text provided in the official summary is reproduced in its entirety. A copy-machine reproducible version is attached. Electronic copies are available to providers upon request. Providers also may access the summary on the Agency's website (www.medicaid.state.al.us)

Providers with questions regarding this advance directive summary should contact Medicaid's Legal Division at (334) 242-5741.

Signed:


W. Dale Walley, Acting Commissioner

Attachment
Distribution List

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