

Rule No. 560-X-45-.12 Health Care Professional Panel

(1) ~~(1)~~ Primary Contractors shall have a delivery system that meets Medicaid standards as defined in the Contract documents~~bid~~. The Primary Contractor shall ensure that there is a sufficient provider network ~~are sufficient health care professionals and hospitals~~ to perform the required duties as specified in the ~~FFB~~-Contract documents with Medicaid and/or the state.

(2) Participation opportunities for Delivering Health Care Professionals shall be offered as specified in the Contract documents ~~FFB~~.

(3) Primary Contractors shall continually monitor the health care panel to assure adequate access to care for program recipients. Services shall be available to the recipients within the 50-mile/50 minute standard as required by Medicaid.

(4) Primary Contractors shall utilize in-state providers if time/distance or medical necessity is not a factor.

(5) Primary Contractor shall notify Medicaid within one working day of any unexpected changes that would impair the network or create access to care issues.

(6) All subcontracts must meet the requirements of 42 CFR 438.6.

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Statutory Authority: Section 1932 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997; Section 1905(t)(3) of the Social Security Act; 42 CFR Section 438; Alabama Medicaid Agency State Plan and approved 1915 (b) Waiver.

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