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June 9, 2023

Stephanie McGee Azar
Commissioner
Alabama Medicaid Agency
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Re: Alabama State Plan Amendment (SPA) AL-23-0011

Dear Commissioner Azar:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) reviewed the proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number (TN) AL-23-0011. This amendment proposes to continue to allow telehealth services to continue until May 31, 2023, originally approved in Disaster Relief SPA TN 20-0004.

CMS conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and implementing regulations. This letter is to inform you that Alabama's Medicaid SPA Transmittal Number AL-23-0011 is approved, effective May 12, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Rita Nimmons at (404) 562-7415 or via email at Rita.Nimmons@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Alissa Mooney DeBoy.

Alissa Mooney DeBoy
On Behalf of Anne Marie Costello, Deputy Director
Center for Medicaid and CHIP Services

Enclosures

7.4.B. Temporary Extension to the Disaster Relief Policies for the COVID-19 National Emergency

Effective May 12, 2023 until May 31, 2023, the agency temporarily extends the following elections(s) of section 7.4 (approved 04/02/20 in SPA number AL-20-0004) of the state plan:

Section D – Benefits

Telehealth:

5. X The agency utilizes telehealth in the following manner, which may be different than outlined in the state’s approved state plan:

In addition to the use of an interactive audio and video telecommunication system which permits two-way communication between the distant site physician and the recipient, during the emergency, physicians and other licensed practitioners covered by the state plan may perform evaluation and management services, therapies, and other medically necessary services as appropriate utilizing telephone communications.