

Alabama SHCC Update

October 26, 2012

Alabama State Capitol Montgomery, Alabama

1. Discussion of Health Eating Active Living (HEAL) Alabama

Hospital Committee Report - State Health Plan Amendment relating to Cardiac Services

Report & proposal: Substitute amendment to the State Health Plan approved by the Hospital Committee to Section 410-2-3-.03 Cardiac Services. Proposed amendment would allow hospitals without onsite open heart surgery to apply to the CON Review Board for approval to provide elective interventional catheterization procedures, subject to certain enumerated criteria.

Action taken: Substitute amendment was approved for publication, and public hearing will be held at next SHCC meeting in early 2013.

3. Plan Adjustment filed by The Health Care Authority for Medical West, an affiliate of UAB Health System d/b/a Medical West

Proposal: The proposed adjustment to Planning Policy 5 of Chapter 410-2-3-.03 of the 2004-2007 Alabama State Health Plan would allow UAB Medical West to request a Certificate of Need approval to offer primary (emergency) and elective percutaneous coronary intervention without offering open-heart surgery onsite.

Action taken: The adjustment was approved by the SHCC.

Specialty Services Committee Report on 410-2-3-.10 In-Home Hospice Services

Action taken: The moratorium on in-home hospice services was extended through the end of 2013 for further consideration of the need methodology.

5. Public Hearing on 410-2-4-.15 Inpatient Hospice

Action taken: The proposed rule on inpatient hospice was approved by the SHCC.

6. New Business - Proposed Amendments and Rules

- a. Proposed Emergency Amendment to Section 410-2-4-.10 Psychiatric Care Action taken: The proposed amendment was sent to committee for further evaluation.
- b. Proposed Permanent Amendment to Section 410-2-4-.10 Psychiatric Care Action taken: The proposed amendment was sent to committee for further evaluation.
- c. Proposed Amendment to Section 410-2-4-.05 Plan Revision Procedures Action taken: The proposed rule was approved for publication.
- d. Proposed Rule 410-2-4-.06 Electronic Notice Action taken: The proposed rule was approved for publication.