

ALABAMA MEDICAID AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

RULE NO. & TITLE: 560-X-13-.18(1)(c)(d)(e)(f) – Basic Level, Orthotics, and Pedorthics for Adults.

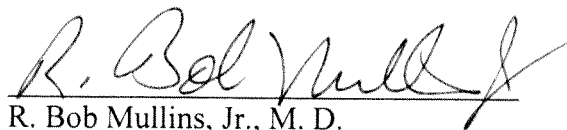
INTENDED ACTION: Amend 560-X-13-.18(1)(c)(d)(e)(f)

SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED ACTION: The above-mentioned rule is being amended to remove the prior authorization requirement for basic level prosthetics, orthotics, and pedorthics for adults between the ages of 21 and 65.

TIME, PLACE, MANNER OF PRESENTING VIEWS: Written or oral comments may be submitted to the Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624, 334-242-5833. Agency business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

FINAL DATE FOR COMMENT AND COMPLETION OF NOTICE: Written/Oral comments concerning this change must be received by the Alabama Medicaid Agency no later than May 4, 2012.

CONTACT PERSON AT AGENCY: Stephanie McGee Azar, Administrative Secretary, Alabama Medicaid Agency, 501 Dexter Avenue, Post Office Box 5624, Montgomery, Alabama 36103-5624.



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Commissioner

Rule No. 560-X-13-.18 Basic Level Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Pedorthics for Adults.

(1) Basic level prosthetics, orthotics and pedorthics are covered benefits to Medicaid ~~eligibles~~ eligible recipients between the ages of 21 and 65 in a ~~noninstitutional~~ non-institutional and institutional setting. ~~These covered benefits are provided only by prior authorization from the Alabama Medicaid Agency and based on medical necessity.~~ The ~~patient~~ recipients must meet established Medicaid criteria applicable to prosthetic, orthotic, and pedorthic devices pursuant to this chapter and the Medicaid Provider Manual.

(a) For items to be covered, recipients must meet eligibility requirements, the devices must be reasonable and necessary to improve the functioning of a malformed body member or replace an absent body member, and meet all other applicable Medicaid statutory and regulatory requirements.

(b) Durable Medical Equipment (DME) providers of prosthetic, orthotic, and pedorthic devices for adults must be enrolled as an Alabama Medicaid Agency (AMA) provider and licensed by the Alabama Board of Prosthetics, Orthotics and Pedorthics.

~~(e) The provider is required to submit a copy of their license with all prior authorization requests.~~

~~(c)(d)~~ The provider must be practicing as a prosthetic, orthotic, or pedorthic practitioner in the State of Alabama at an accredited facility.

~~(d)(e)~~ Providers must keep a copy of the written prescription from the primary physician for the prosthetic or orthotic device in the recipient's file.

~~(e)(f)~~ The provider must have documentation of the education ~~follow ups~~ follow-up provided to the recipient of the use of the prosthetic and orthotic device in the recipient's file.

(2) For Medicaid to approve lower limb prosthesis, medical documentation must be submitted substantiating that a prosthesis is essential in order for the recipient to ambulate and that the recipient is motivated to ambulate.

(3) For Medicaid to approve an orthotic device, medical documentation must be submitted to show that the device supports or aligns movable parts of the body, prevents or corrects deformities, or improves functioning.

(4) For Medicaid to approve therapeutic shoes for diabetes, medical documentation must be submitted showing that the recipient has diabetes mellitus and other medical conditions justifying the need. Refer to DME Fee Schedule on the Alabama Medicaid Web site for Prosthetic, Orthotics, and Pedorthic reimbursement rates and benefit limits.

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Statutory Authority: State Plan Attachments 3.1-A and 4.19-B; 42 CFR, Section 440.70; Title XIX, Social Security Act.

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