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CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
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OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR

Pursuant to Code of Alabama 1975, §§41-22-5 (b) and 41-22-6 (c) (2) a. and b.

I certify that the attached emergency rule is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 24th day of March, 2020.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Medicaid Agency

RULE NO. AND TITLE: Rule No. 560-X-13-.04ER Temporary Rules Pursuant to COVID-19 Emergency

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: March 24, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days): _____

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:
The above-referenced rule is being added to temporarily ease the EPSDT referral requirements, "face to face" provider visit requirements, and expiration dates of orders related to Durable Medical Equipment during the state of emergency as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: State Plan; Title XIX, Social Security Act.

SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS __YES _X_ NO

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Rule No. 560-X-13-.04ER Temporary Rules Pursuant to COVID-19 Emergency

During the time prescribed by the governor as a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic, the following provisions in this Chapter will temporarily no longer be required:

(1) Sections which require EPSDT referrals for prior authorizations for any Durable Medical Equipment, Supplies, Appliances, Prosthetics, Orthotics, and Pedorthics. This includes, but is not limited to, those provisions found in Rules 560-X-13-.03, .14, and .17.

(2) Sections which require face-to-face visits. This includes, but is not limited to, those provisions found in Rules 560-X-13-.01. In lieu of face-to-face visits, providers should utilize telehealth systems.

(3) Sections which require a prescription or order to be presented to the provider or Medicaid's fiscal agent within 90 days from the date it was written. This includes, but is not limited to, those provisions found in Rule 560-X-13-.03.

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Statutory Authority: State Plan; Title XIX, Social Security Act.
History: Emergency Rule filed and effective March 24, 2020.