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DeAnna Ferguson, EdD
President
Alabama Service Providers Association ASPA

Sent via electronic mail to: deanna@voase.org

RE: TB Skin Testing

Dear Ms. Ferguson and ASPA members:

Thank you for your letter dated March 26, 2020, in which you provided recommendations for the Alabama Medicaid program during the time of the COVID-19 pandemic. In your letter, ASPA requests that Medicaid waive TB Skin Testing for new employees.

Medicaid is agreeable to temporarily waive TB Skin Testing requirements for new employees through 4/17/2020. We will reevaluate before that date and advise if there is a change.

Medicaid expects a TB Skin Test to be performed if possible. If a test is not possible, use the existing Screening Tool associated with current TB testing policy. New employees that have not received a TB Skin test need to be tracked and have a TB Skin test conducted as soon as reasonably possible.

Again, thank you for your communication during this time. Should you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ginger Wettingfeld, Director LTC Healthcare Reform at ginger.wettingfeld@medicaid.alabama.gov.

Sincerely,

Stephanie McGee Azar
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