CERTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY RULES
FILED WITH LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OTHNI LATHRAM, DIRECTOR

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

I certify that the attached emergency rule is a correct copy as promulgated and adopted on the 1st day of April, 2020.

AGENCY NAME: Alabama Medicaid Agency

RULE NO. AND TITLE: 560-X-18-.03ER Prior Authorization

EFFECTIVE DATE OF RULE: April 1, 2020

EXPIRATION DATE (If less than 120 days):

NATURE OF EMERGENCY:
The above-referenced rule is being amended to suspend prior authorizations for non-emergency ambulance services in accordance with the time prescribed by the governor as a State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) pandemic.


SUBJECT OF RULE TO BE ADOPTED ON PERMANENT BASIS __YES ___NO

NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF PERSON TO CONTACT FOR COPY OF RULE:

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Alabama Medicaid Agency
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Stephanie Mcgee Azar
Commissioner
Rule No. 560-X-18-.03ER Prior Authorization

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