



STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

100 NORTH UNION STREET, SUITE 870

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

September 2, 2005

NOTICE

TO: Recipients of the Alabama State Health Plan 2004-2007

FROM: Alva M. Lambert
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alva M. Lambert", written over the printed name.

SUBJECT: Adjustment for Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation § 410-2-4-.08

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) at the August 11, 2005 meeting approved this adjustment. Governor Bob Riley approved this adjustment on August 30, 2005. Please substitute page 148 in the *Alabama State Health Plan 2004-2007*.

Attachment: as stated

AML:jl



STATE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

100 NORTH UNION STREET, SUITE 870
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36104

August 16, 2005

Honorable Bob Riley, Governor
State of Alabama
State Capitol
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Dear Governor Riley:

The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) at the August 11, 2005 meeting adopted the attached Plan Adjustment for Rehabilitation Region VII to the Inpatient Physical Rehabilitation section of the 2004-2007 *State Health Plan*.

This Adjustment was processed in accordance with the *Alabama Certificate of Need Program Rules and Regulations*.

You have the approval/disapproval authority for the *State Health Plan* and all amendments/adjustments thereto. I recommend your approval.

Call me at 242-4103 if you have questions about this proposed Amendment.

Sincerely,

Alva M. Lambert
Executive Director

Attachment: as stated

APPROVED

Gov. Bob Riley

Date

DISAPPROVED _____

Gov. Bob Riley

Date _____

(1) Definition. Inpatient physical rehabilitation services are those designed to be provided on an integrated basis by a multidisciplinary rehabilitation team to restore the disabled individual to the highest physical usefulness of which he is capable. These services may be provided in a distinct part unit of a hospital, as defined in the Medicare and Medicaid Guidelines, or in a free-standing rehabilitation hospital.

(2) General. Rehabilitation can be viewed as the third phase of the medical care continuum, with the first being the prevention of illness, the second, the actual treatment of disease, and the third, rehabilitation or a constructive system of treatment designed to enable individuals to attain their highest degree of functioning. In many cases, all three phases can occur simultaneously. For the purposes of this section of the State Health Plan, only the need and inventory of inpatient rehabilitation facilities will be addressed.

(3) Need Determination. The Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC) has determined that there is a need for 12 rehabilitation beds per 100,000 population for each region (see Table I).

(4) Planning Policies

(a) Planning Policy

Regional occupancy for the most recent reporting year should be at least 75% before the SHCC gives consideration to any requests for plan adjustments for additional bed capacity.

(b) Planning Policy

Conversion of existing hospital beds to rehabilitation beds should be given priority consideration over new construction when the conversion is significantly less costly and the existing structure can meet licensure and certification requirements.

(5) Accessibility-Distribution. Inpatient Rehabilitation services appear to be well distributed in the most populous regions of Alabama, with the exception of Region V, the largest of the seven planning regions. The SHCC, through the adjustment process in August of 2005, recognized the need for 5 additional rehabilitation beds to be located in Houston County. Future consideration should be given to locating a unit in Dallas County to serve the western counties of Region V.

Author: Statewide Health Coordinating Council (SHCC).

Statutory Authority: § 22-21-260(4), Code of Alabama, 1975.

History: Effective: