

## Quality Improvement Projects for ACHN Organizations

Each of the seven (7) Alabama Coordinated Health Network (ACHN) organizations is required by the Alabama Medicaid Agency to develop, implement, and monitor Quality Improvement Projects in three categories:



According to the Alabama Department of Public Health, the top health concerns in Alabama are (1) mental health and substance use, (2) access to care, (3) poor pregnancy outcomes, and (4) nutrition and physical activity.

*As providers in the ACHN, you play a key role in helping us meet our goals and positively impact the health and well-being of recipients in Alabama.*

## How Can You Help?

### Send Referrals to NACC for Recipients who:

- Are pregnant and do not have an OB-GYN.
- Have a substance use disorder diagnosis.
- Are aged 3-6 with a BMI between 85 - 94% at their most recent well-visit.



**Need information on our referrals?**  
 Visit our referrals page on our website:  
[www.northalcc.org/referrals](http://www.northalcc.org/referrals)

### Our focus is to:

- Reduce the risk of adverse birth outcomes by preventing delays in prenatal care.
- Connect recipients diagnosed with a substance use disorder to effective treatment and counseling.
- Provide nutritional counseling to children and their families.

## We Can Help!

Our Care Coordination services are available to help your patients get healthy and stay healthy. For more information, visit:

[www.NorthALCC.org](http://www.NorthALCC.org)

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## COVID-19 Public Health Emergency – Ending Preparations

This information is listed in the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, Alabama Medicaid Alert located:

[https://medicaid.alabama.gov/alert\\_detail.aspx?ID=15936](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/alert_detail.aspx?ID=15936)

The Alabama Medicaid Agency has announced that the COVID-19 PHE coverage is tentatively expected to expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Preparations for the ending coverage is underway. The Agency has asked that Medicaid partners assist in “relaying a consistent and simple message to the Medicaid recipients by sharing key messages from the Agency in your newsletters, social media posts, and other means of communication.”

## Unwinding Toolkit

The Agency has created an Unwinding Toolkit for providers to aid in communications with recipients during this time. The Unwinding Toolkit can be located at:

[https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/7.0\\_Providers/7.11\\_COVID-19\\_Information\\_For\\_Providers/7.11\\_PHE\\_Unwinding\\_Toolkit\\_7-12-22.pdf](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/documents/7.0_Providers/7.11_COVID-19_Information_For_Providers/7.11_PHE_Unwinding_Toolkit_7-12-22.pdf)

## The “Yellow Postcard” Campaign

The Agency distributed yellow postcards with information for recipients on how to update their addresses with the agencies. These postcards were sent to providers and other Medicaid partners for display in check-in and check-out windows or counters. If you need additional postcards, they can be downloaded from the Agency’s website and are available in English and Spanish:

[https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/7.0\\_Providers/7.11\\_COVID-19\\_Vaccine\\_Providers.aspx](https://medicaid.alabama.gov/content/7.0_Providers/7.11_COVID-19_Vaccine_Providers.aspx)

## Hello, 2023!



Just a friendly reminder that the ACHN follows a fiscal year calendar. The 2022 year will end on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The new year begins October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022.

### Want to join our email list?

We send out important alerts and announcements. Visit our website and select “Medical Management Meetings” and fill out the form to join.

### Has your information changed?

To be sure that we have the most up-to-date information, please let us know if your contact information or provider roster has changed.