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8 SYNOPSIS: The bill would abolish the Medicaid Joint
9 Interim Committee and the Permanent Joint
10 Legislative Committees on Medicaid Policy and
11 create the Permanent Joint Medicaid Committee,
12 would provide for the membership of the committee,
13 and would provide the duties and responsibilities
14 of the committee, would create the Medicaid
15 Advisory Commission and provide for the membership.
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17 A BILL
18 TO BE ENTITLED
19 AN ACT
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21 To abolish the Medicaid Joint Interim Committee and
22 the Permanent Joint Legislative Committees on Medicaid Policy
23 and create the Permanent Joint Medicaid Committee; provide for
24 the membership of the committee; provide the duties and
25 responsibilities of the committee; and create the Medicaid
26 Advisory Commission and provide for the membership.
27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

1 Section 1. (a) Upon the effective date of this act,
2 the Medicaid Joint Interim Committee and the Permanent Joint
3 Legislative Committee on Medicaid Policy are hereby abolished
4 and the Permanent Joint Medicaid Committee is established as
5 provided herein.

6 (b) The membership of the Committee shall consist of
7 the current chair and co-chair of the Permanent Joint
8 Legislative Committee on Medicaid Policy, the Chair of the
9 House Committee on Health, the Chair of the House Ways and
10 Means General Fund Committee, the Chair of the Senate
11 Committee on Health, the Chair of the Senate Committee on
12 Finance and Taxation and General Fund, three members of the
13 House appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives, one member of the Senate appointed by the Lt.
15 Governor, and two members of the Senate appointed by the
16 President Pro Tempore of the Senate. The membership of this
17 committee shall be inclusive and reflect the racial, gender,
18 geographic, urban/rural, and economic diversity of the state.

19 (c) The initial meeting of the committee shall occur
20 no later than 30 days following the effective date of this act
21 at a date and time established by the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, at which time the committee shall elect a
23 chair and a vice-chair from its membership. Thereafter the
24 meetings shall be at the call of the chair or by any majority
25 of the members thereof.

26 (d) The committee shall make a continuous study of
27 the Alabama Medicaid Program and make recommendations for

1 legislation and initiatives that will create the necessary
2 statutory, regulatory, and institutional changes to accomplish
3 the overall goals and objectives of the Alabama Medicaid
4 Agency in a manner that benefits the State and protects
5 Medicaid recipients. The committee may also engage existing
6 universities in the State of Alabama for support and research
7 activities as they pertain to the Alabama Medicaid Agency and
8 changes needed to the Medicaid State Plan.

9 Section 2. The designed objectives of the committee
10 are to achieve the following goals:

11 (a) To provide legislative oversight over the
12 expansion of existing programs and implementation of new
13 programs to meet the Alabama Medicaid Agency's current and
14 future health care and funding needs by:

15 (1) Encouraging effective strategies to avoid
16 decreases in eligibility due to funding shortages;

17 (2) Promoting existing programs and new programs to
18 realize cost savings to the Agency;

19 (3) Expanding existing programs within the Agency
20 that have proven to provide cost effective high quality care.

21 (b) To provide legislative oversight over the
22 development of Primary Care Case Management (PCCM) networks
23 (PCCM) throughout the state by:

24 (1) Ensuring that the programs implemented are based
25 upon proven best coordinated care practices which have been
26 implemented in other states' Medicaid programs.

1 (2) Ensuring that the Alabama Medicaid Agency has a
2 defined implementation timeline and goals to successfully
3 implement a PCCM network throughout the state. The committee
4 shall actively monitor the implementation of the PCCM network
5 and report to the Legislature at least quarterly on the status
6 of the implementation.

7 The committee shall also propose legislation needed
8 to implement the PCCM networks and identify areas on which
9 further evaluation and research is recommended. Annual
10 expenses and compensation of the committee shall not exceed
11 \$5,000.

12 Section 3. There is created the Medicaid Advisory
13 Commission. The purpose of the commission shall be to advise
14 the Joint Medicaid Committee on Medicaid reform initiatives
15 and the implementation of PCCM networks. The commission shall
16 consist of the Chair of the Permanent Joint Medicaid Committee
17 who shall serve as chair, the vice-chair of the Permanent
18 Joint Medicaid Committee, the State Health Officer, the
19 Commissioner of the Alabama Medicaid Agency, the Commissioner
20 of the Departments of Human Resources, Mental Health, and
21 Senior Services or their designee, the Finance Director, or
22 his or her designee, three members representing physicians
23 including the appointment of two practicing physicians by the
24 Medical Association of the State of Alabama, and the appoint
25 of one practicing pediatrician by the Alabama Chapter -
26 American Academy of Pediatrics, one member representing
27 dentist appointed by the Governor, one member representing

1 for-profit insurers appointed by the Governor, one member
2 representing not-for-profit insurers appointed by the
3 Governor, one member representing consumers appointed by the
4 Governor, one member representing the business community
5 appointed by the Governor, one member representing registered
6 pharmacist and engaged in actual retail pharmacy appointed by
7 the Governor, one member who shall be a Certified Registered
8 Nurse Practitioner appointed by the Governor, two member
9 appointed by the Alabama Nursing Home Association. The
10 membership of the Commission shall be inclusive and reflect
11 the racial, gender, geographic, urban/rural and economic
12 diversity of the state.

13 Section 4. This act shall become effective
14 immediately upon its passage and approval by the Governor, or
15 its otherwise becoming law.