

ALABAMA QUALITY ASSURANCE FOUNDATION

PRO GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 96/99-02

TO: ADMINISTRATORS AND CHIEFS OF STAFF - All Alabama Hospitals

FROM: H. Terrell Lindsey
President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: November 1, 1996

SUBJECT: PRO-Hospital Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

- I. Section 1866(a)(1)(F)(i) and (ii) of the Social Security Act, as amended, requires hospitals to maintain an Agreement with the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) designated state Peer Review Organization (PRO) as a requirement for Medicare participation. To fulfill this obligation, we have enclosed two copies of the PRO-Hospital Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) on Medicare Review activities for the period of September 26, 1996 to September 25, 1999.
- II. This document is similar to the one developed by our Florida subsidiary, and presently in use by Florida Hospitals. Current Sanction Protocol, as approved by HCFA is included at Attachment I to the MOA. We are presently revising the Sanction Protocol to comply with review program changes. Upon final approval by HCFA and our Board of Directors, a copy of the Revised Sanction Protocol will be forwarded to you. A copy of the MOA was forwarded to the Alabama Hospital Association (AlaHA) for review and comment prior to finalization.
- III. Please complete the Hospital specific information for Sections IX and XII on Pages 12 and 13 of each MOA. Also, please be certain to complete Section V.E. on Page 6, if you want to designate a position other than the Hospital Administrator/CEO to receive PRO correspondence, including confidential medical review information. One fully executed copy of the MOU should be returned to my attention. The second copy and the Sanction Protocol Attachment is for your files. We are required to provide HCFA a list of those hospitals who have not signed the PRO-Hospital MOA upon request.
- IV. If you have questions regarding the MOA, please contact my office. Your prompt return of an executed copy will be appreciated.

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