



## NONDISCRIMINATION AND LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE

### **Nondiscrimination Notice:**

Alabama Care Network Mid-State complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. Alabama Care Network Mid-State does not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

Alabama Care Network Mid-State:

- Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as:
  - o Qualified sign language interpreters
  - o Written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
- Provides free language service to people whose primary language is not English, such as:
  - o Qualified interpreters
  - o Information written in other languages

If you need these services, contact Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Civil Rights Coordinator.

If you believe that Alabama Care Network Mid-State has failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance with Alabama Care Network Mid-State Civil Rights Coordinator:

Address: 417 20<sup>th</sup> Street North, Suite 1100  
Birmingham, AL, 35203  
Phone: 1-800-633-1542 (TTY: 711)  
Fax: 205-449-7626  
Email: [VIVACivilRightsCoord@uabmc.edu](mailto:VIVACivilRightsCoord@uabmc.edu)

You can file a grievance in person or by mail, fax, or email. If you need help filing a grievance, Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Civil Rights

Coordinator is available to help you. You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW  
Room 509F, HHH Building  
Washington, D.C. 20201  
1-800-368-1019, TDD: 1-800-537-7697

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>.

### **Grievance Procedure:**

It is the policy of Alabama Care Network Mid-State not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Alabama Care Network Mid-State has adopted an internal grievance procedure providing for prompt and equitable resolution of complaints alleging any action prohibited by Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act (42 U.S.C. § 18116) and its implementing regulations at 45 CFR part 92, issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Section 1557 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in certain health programs and activities. Section 1557 and its implementing regulations may be examined in the office of Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Civil Rights Coordinator:

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Alabama Care Network Mid-State's Civil Rights Coordinator has been designated to coordinate the



efforts of Alabama Care Network Mid-State to comply with Section 1557.

Any person who believes someone has been subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability may file a grievance under this procedure. It is against the law for Alabama Care Network Mid-State to retaliate against anyone who opposes discrimination, files a grievance, or participates in the investigation of a grievance.

**Procedure:**

- Grievances must be submitted to the Civil Rights Coordinator within 60 days of the date the person filing the grievance becomes aware of the alleged discriminatory action.
- A complaint must be in writing, containing the name and address of the person filing it. The complaint must state the problem or action alleged to be discriminatory and the remedy or relief sought.
- The Civil Rights Coordinator shall conduct an investigation of the complaint. This investigation may be informal, but it will be thorough, affording all interested persons an opportunity to submit evidence relevant to the complaint. The Civil Rights Coordinator will maintain the files and records of Alabama Care Network Mid-State relating to such grievances. To the extent possible, and in accordance with applicable law, the Civil Rights Coordinator will take appropriate steps to preserve the confidentiality of files and records relating to grievances and will share them only with those who have a need to know.
- The Civil Rights Coordinator will issue a written decision on the grievance, based on a preponderance of the evidence, no later than 30 days after its filing, including a notice to the complainant of their right to pursue further administrative or legal remedies.
- The person filing the grievance may appeal the decision of the Civil Rights Coordinator

by writing to the Chief Administrative Officer within 15 days of receiving the Civil Rights Coordinator's decision. The Chief Administrative Officer shall issue a written decision in response to the appeal no later than 30 days after its filing.

The availability and use of this grievance procedure does not prevent a person from pursuing other legal and administrative remedies, including filing a complaint of discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability in court or with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights. A person can file a complaint of discrimination electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, which is available at: <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

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Complaint forms are available at: <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>. Such complaints must be filed within 180 days of the date of the alleged discrimination.

Alabama Care Network Mid-State will make appropriate arrangements to ensure that individuals with disabilities and individuals with limited English proficiency are provided auxiliary aids and services or language assistance services, respectively, if needed to participate in this grievance process. Such arrangements may include, but are not limited to, providing qualified interpreters, providing taped cassettes of material for individuals with low vision, or assuring a barrier-free location for the proceedings. The Civil Rights Coordinator will be responsible for such arrangements.



## Language Assistance Services:

### Spanish

ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711).

### Traditional Chinese

注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-800-294-7780 (TTY : 711)。

### Korean

주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오

### Vietnamese

CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711).

### Arabic

ملحوظة: إذا كنت تتحدث اذكر اللغة، فإن خدمات المساعدة اللغوية تتوافر لك بالمجان. اتصل برقم 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711).

### German

ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711).

### French

ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-800-294-7780 (ATS: 711).

### Gujarati

ધ્યાન: તમે ગુજરાતી બોલે છે, ભાષા સહાય સેવાઓ વિના મૂલ્યે તમારા માટે ઉપલબ્ધ છે . ફોન 1-800-294-7780 (TTY : 711) .

### Tagalog

PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711).

### Hindi

ध्यान दें: आप हिंदी बोलते हैं, तो भाषा सहायता सेवाओं के प्रभार से मुक्त आप के लिए उपलब्ध हैं। कॉल 1-800-294-7780 (TTY : 711)।

### Laotian

ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທສ 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711).

### Russian

ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-800-294-7780 (телетайп: 711).

### Portugese

ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711).

### Turkish

DİKKAT: Eğer Türkçe konuşuyor iseniz, dil yardımı hizmetlerinden ücretsiz olarak yararlanabilirsiniz. 1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711) irtibat numaralarını arayın.

### Japanese

注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。1-800-294-7780 (TTY: 711) まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。