## The Myth of the Medicaid Budget

## THE MEDICAID BUDGET IS NOT GROWING OUT OF CONTROL

Since FY2010, the total Medicaid budget only grew at an annual average rate of

Many everyday expenses are growing at a faster rate than Medicaid

**Ground Chuck** 

6.8%

**Transportation** 

4.5%



**Apples** 

Coffee



## **Medical Rate of Growth**

(national)



Alabama's Medicaid has grown at a slower rate than the national rate of medical inflation

- The Medicaid program is not growing out of control.
- The Medicaid budget has grown, but at a slower rate than many every day items, including the national rate of medical inflation.
- Medicaid continues to be a bare-bones program that only covers the federal required minimum services and people.
- Medicaid's administrative budget is less than 3%.