

## PUBLIC NOTICE (Revised)

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

### PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTF) RATE METHODOLOGY CHANGE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to adjust Fee-for-Service rates for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), **effective October 1, 2023. (The effective date was changed to comply with a request from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services).** Rates for all PRTFs will be adjusted to seventy-five percent (75%) of the 2023 Medicare Inpatient Facility Rates. The rate increase will be for both the base rate and the rate for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism as identified in claims with an (AU) modifier.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Billing Code
Coastal Harbor Treatment Center	\$351.62	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$507.59	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Hillside, Inc.	\$595.90	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Laurel Heights Hospital	\$520.07	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta	\$318.14	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Youth Villages Inner Harbour	\$517.89	\$649.22	T2048/AU

The Georgia Legislature funds the State match for PRTF services in the Fee-for-Service program through a budget allocation to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). The Georgia Legislature funds the State match for PRTF services in the Fee-for-Service program through a budget allocation funding to DCH for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism as identified in claims with an (AU) modifier.

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Bill Code Description	Agency Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Per Diem Rate Increase	DBHDD	\$400,290	\$809,776	\$1,210,066
Per Diem Rate Increase with co-occurring diagnosis of autism	DCH	\$100,072	\$202,444	\$302,516

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **January 22, 2024 at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **January 29, 2024**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, [danwilliams@dch.ga.gov](mailto:danwilliams@dch.ga.gov) or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, [danwilliams@dch.ga.gov](mailto:danwilliams@dch.ga.gov).

Relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board for awareness.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 18<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024**  
**Russel Carlson, Commissioner**