

PUBLIC NOTICE

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.

MEDICAID RATE INCREASE FOR NURSING HOME MECHANIZED VENTILATOR CARE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing a rate increase for specialized nursing home ventilator care. Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2017, the nursing facility per diem for a ventilator dependent resident will increase by three percent.

This change is estimated to increase Medicaid nursing home expenditures for the Aged, Blind and Disabled Program as follows:

Program	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Low-Income Medicaid	\$315,931	\$215,931	\$100,000

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 **April 19, 2017** at 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **April 26, 2017**, 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 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. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **May 11, 2017** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 13th DAY OF April, 2017
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner