

# Provider Focus

*On Point with Georgia Medicaid News*

---

July/August 2014

Please log onto GAMMIS ([www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov)) to access this issue and the live links below. It is posted under Provider Notices.

## DCH Issues New Unpaid Funds Policy Effective July 1

Beginning July 1, 2014, the Georgia Department of Community Health initiated its Provider Termination Policy for unpaid funds owed to DCH in the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids® programs.

Providers who owe DCH amounts in excess of what can be collected from provider claims payments will be required to make an immediate payment of the excess funds owed. Providers who fail to make this payment within 15 days of their written notice of payment due will be suspended. [Read more.](#)

## Online-only Institutional Enrollment Begins September 1, 2014

Effective September 1, 2014, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) and Hewlett Packard (HP) will no longer accept paper enrollment applications from institutional providers. All paper applications will be removed from the Georgia Medicaid Management Information System ([GAMMIS](#)). Paper applications received on or after September 1, 2014, will be returned to the applicant with instructions to submit the application online through GAMMIS.

On January 1, 2015, DCH will implement this same process for all individual practitioners. Paper applications received on or after January 1, 2015, will be returned to the applicant with instructions to submit the applications online through GAMMIS. [Read more.](#)

## Rural Free-Standing Emergency Departments: Reaching Out to Serve Rural Georgia

Georgia's new [Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee](#) held its first meeting in early June to begin to map out a strategy to preserve access to health care for the citizens of rural Georgia. The 16-member panel, appointed by Gov. Nathan Deal earlier this year, will meet regularly to identify the needs of the rural hospital community and provide potential solutions.

Members of the committee requested additional data to assist in their evaluation of Georgia's current rural health network.

The three-hour meeting, which was open to the public, took place at 2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, in the DCH Board Room. It was also accessible through a [live webinar](#), which is now posted on the DCH website. The next meeting will be held in Cordele on Monday, August 25. [Read more.](#)

# Provider Focus

*On Point with Georgia Medicaid News*

---

July/August 2014

## Multi-agency Integrated Eligibility System (IES) To Streamline Application, Verification

In 2016, applicants for Georgia public assistance programs such as Medicaid, PeachCare for Kids, TANF, Child Care and WIC will be able to provide their information one time online for various types of assistance. Spearheaded by the Georgia

Department of Community Health (DCH), the interagency project will include the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Health and the Department of Early Care and Learning in a collaborative multi-year work plan. [Read more.](#)

## You Ask, We Answer

Here is a sampling of questions that HP Provider Representatives have recently received in the field.

### **Q. What form is needed for Emergency Ambulance non-hospice transport?**

A. Non-hospice related transports claims must be accompanied by the Hospice Referral Form for Non-Hospice Related Services (DMA 521) and must be obtained from the hospice provider. The DMA 521 is located on [GAMMIS](#).

### **Q. Will there be a mass reprocessing of the claims that denied for Hospital Acquired Conditions (HAC)?**

A. No. DCH has published notice via a Banner Message that the HACs/Other Provider Preventable Conditions (OPPCs)/Never Events (NE) edits (4605, 4607) effective dates have changed from May 1, 2014, to October 13, 2013. DCH has requested that providers resubmit claims denied for HACs, including crossovers. These edits will continue to post as pay and report but will not deny any outpatient, professional and crossover claims. Providers will still need to maintain clinical documentation if audited for these HACs edits.

### **Q. When are providers advised to use the G0 Condition Code?**

A. G0 condition code is used only on claims when the member has been seen multiple times in the emergency room (ER), and the services are medically distinct. Once DCH's fiscal agent HP configures GAMMIS, the providers can bill their claims separately with the G0 condition code on both claims denoting that the member was seen in the ER on the same day for different medical conditions.

## For Your Information

Visit the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) website, [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov).

If you have questions, contact HP Enterprise Services Contact Center at 800-766-4456.

Georgia Medicaid Management Information System (GAMMIS) website, [www.mmis.georgia.gov](http://www.mmis.georgia.gov).

**Subscribe to the DCH-I provider newsletter for all the latest news and information from DCH by emailing [dch-i@dch.ga.gov](mailto:dch-i@dch.ga.gov).**