

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.

EMERGENCY AIR AMBULANCE FOR ADULTS

Pending CMS approval and effective for services provided on or after 1 July 2015, the Department is proposing to reimburse emergency air ambulance services for Medicaid Adults (21 years of age and older) at the pediatric rate. The purpose of these changes is to comply with SFY2016, State Appropriations Bill (H.B. 76), Item 88.15, which requires the Department to provide reimbursement for rotary wing air ambulance adult transports at the pediatric rate.

This change is estimated to increase expenditures for SFY 2016 as follows:

<u>Program SFY 2016</u>	<u>Totals Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Low Income Medicaid	\$1,533,742	\$500,000

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **May 20, 2015 at 11:15am**, 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 **May 27, 2015** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **June 11, 2015** 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 14th DAY OF MAY, 2015

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner