

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.

Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)

Effective with an approved amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the Independent Care Waiver Program and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department, in response to a state legislative initiative is proposing an increase in rates of Personal Support Services.

The following rates are proposed to change:

Service	Rate Prior to CMS Approval	Rate Post CMS Approval	Per 15 Minute Unit
Personal Support Service Level 1	\$11.01 per hour unit	\$11.76 per hour unit	\$2.94
Personal Support Service Level 2	\$13.01 per hour unit	\$13.76 per hour unit	\$3.44
Personal Support Service Level 3	\$15.01 per hour unit	\$15.76 per hour unit	\$3.94

This change is estimated to increase expenditures as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled, SFY 2016	\$4,122,858	\$1,994,942

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 **September 15, 2015 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. 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 **September 22, 2015** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966.

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 **October 8, 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 10th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2015

Clyde L. Reese, III, Esquire, Commissioner