

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.

NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

Pending CMS approval, nursing facilities that had a change of ownership during the period January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014 will receive an adjustment to their Medicaid Reimbursement effective July 1, 2015 based on the facility's cost under the new owner. This rate adjustment is intended to recognize changes in cost related to operational changes implemented under new ownership.

These changes are estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2016 as follows:

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$26,839,525	\$8,749,685

These changes are available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **May 18, 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 **May 25, 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