

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.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2014, the Department proposes to exclude organ acquisition costs from the calculation of hospital cost to charge ratios for the hospital inpatient Upper Payment Limit (UPL) demonstration as required by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Estimated Hospital UPL supplemental payments for SFY 2015, pending CMS approval, are:

	Federal Funds	Intergovernmental Transfers	Provider Fees	Total Funds
State Governmental	\$15,972,502	\$7,977,869	-	\$23,950,371
Non-State Governmental	\$56,120,969	\$28,031,032	-	\$84,152,001
Private	\$20,902,403	-	\$10,440,232	\$31,342,635
Total	\$92,995,875	\$36,008,901	\$10,440,232	\$139,445,007

Notice and copies of the proposed changes are available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **October 14, 2014 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 the proposed changes should submit their comments on or before **October 21, 2014** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Submitted comments 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 November 13, 2014, 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 30th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2014

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner