

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.

PEACHCARE PHYSICIAN RATE INCREASE FOR PRIMARY CARE

Pending CMS approval and effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2015, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to increase PeachCare physician reimbursement for designated providers and services to 90% of the Calendar Year 2014 Medicare physician fee schedule.

These changes are estimated to increase PeachCare physician expenditures for SFY 2016 as follows:

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>State</u> |
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| PeachCare | \$2,697,045 | \$374,458 |

Physicians eligible for this increase are those who qualified under the ACA PCP increase which was in effect for January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014. Specifically, for those physicians who attested to a specialty designation of family medicine, general internal medicine and /or pediatric medicine, or an associated subspecialty. Physician Extenders, such as physician assistants, nurse practitioners and nurse midwives are also eligible for the rate increase as long as they previously attested and practice under the supervision of an eligible physician with professional responsibility for the care provided.

The services eligible for the payment increase are HealthCheck well child visits and are billed under the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) Evaluation and Management codes 99391 through 99395. This increase ensures that HealthCheck well child reimbursement is the same in both Medicaid and PeachCare.

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 **June 18, 2015 at 10:30am** 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 **June 25, 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 **July 9, 2015**, Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting 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 11th DAY OF JUNE, 2015

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