

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 and effective for services provided on or after April 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to include a 12% growth allowance in nursing facility services rates for those providers that received a rate adjustment in FY 2016 based on change of ownership (CHOW). The applicable 2013 or 2014 cost report, using the reporting format and underlying instructions established by the Department, will be used to determine a nursing facility's allowable cost that will be the basis for computing a rate.

This change is estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2017 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Totals Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$4,468,321	\$1,438,799

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 **March 16, 2017 at 11:00 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 **March 23, 2017**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **April 13, 2017** 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 9th DAY OF MARCH, 2017

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner