

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.

Rate Increase for the Department of Public Health Newborn Screening Test Laboratory Fee

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department proposes to increase the Department of Public Health (DPH) Newborn Screening Test Laboratory Fee.

The cost impact is as follows:

- Total Funds: \$918,725
- Federal Funds: \$622,896
- State Funds: \$295,829

Background:

1. Item 3052 in HB 751 provided \$1,722,240 to the Department of Public Health (DPH) to provide funds for therapies for children with congenital disorders pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-12-6.
2. On 7 April 2016, the Department of Public Health (DPH) published a Notice of Proposed Rule Making to amend DPH Regulation 511-5-5-.04, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 31-2A-6 and § 31-12-6(f).
3. DPH increased the newborn screening laboratory test fee from \$50 to \$63.
4. The proposed rate increase is subject to CMS Approval.
5. Procedurally, the newborn screening process works as follows:
 - Hospital takes blood from newborn through a heel prick,
 - Hospital sends this to state lab (DPH),
 - State lab sends the screening results to physician
 - Hospital submits technical and professional component of bill to DCH, using condition code A1 on the UB-04 field 24-30.
 - Condition Code A1 indicates that a NBS test was performed.
 - DCH remits the fee to the hospital for the NBS test.
 - DPH State Lab sends monthly invoices to hospital
 - Hospital sends the fee per NBS remitted to DPH

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 **August 16, 2016** 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 **August 23, 2016**, 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 **September 8, 2016** 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 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2016
Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner