

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 July 1, 2017 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to increase the payment for nursing facility services. The Medicaid nursing facility cost report used to establish current rates, including a 6% growth allowance and 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 2018 as follows:

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$37,034,923	\$11,722,479

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 **May 17, 2017** at 3:00 p.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 24, 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 **June 8, 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 11th DAY OF May, 2017
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner