

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.

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

The following change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services for an effective date of service of July 1, 2008 has been rescinded.

Community Care Services Program (originally noticed on June 12, 2008 and approved on July 10, 2008)

- Reimbursement rates for Community Care Services Program will increase by 3%.

The purpose of this change is to reflect the Department of Human Resources' Amended FY 2009 Budget Proposal. This change is estimated to avoid an increase in annual expenditures in the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid program by approximately \$7,723,793 in total funds (\$1,350,227 in DHR State funds and \$1,419,525 in DCH state funds).

PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs)

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) (originally noticed on June 12, 2008 and approved on July 10, 2008)

The following change in methods and standards for setting payment rates for services for an effective date of service of July 1, 2008 has been rescinded.

- Utilize FY 2006 provider-specific cost reports to determine provider-specific per diem rates for the reimbursement of psychiatric residential treatment services. The FY 2006 cost report data will be adjusted to consider inflation based on the CMS Hospital Market Basket (Global Insight's Health Care Cost Service Forecast, Table 6.3). Per Diems will be subject to a cap of \$370 per day. Rates for PRTFs who do not have a 2006 cost report reflective of the provision of PRTF services will be based on the median rate of other PRTF providers.

Public Notice (continued) – Rescission of Rate Enhancements
August 28, 2008

The purpose of this change is to reflect the Department of Human Resources' Amended FY 2009 Budget Proposal. This change is estimated to avoid an increase in annual expenditures as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$837,537	\$301,262
Low Income Medicaid	2,652,200	953,996
PeachCare for Kids	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
All Programs	<u>\$3,489,737</u>	<u>\$1,255,258</u>

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **September 16, 2008**, 1 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 **September 26, 2008**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

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 **October 9, 2008** 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 28th DAY OF AUGUST, 2008

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner