

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.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Effective for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2013, and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department is proposing to increase hospital inpatient and outpatient reimbursement rates to recognize additional costs associated with the new provider fees imposed by the Provider Payment Act in the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs. Critical Access Hospitals, Public State Owned Hospitals and Psychiatric Hospitals are exempt from the provisions of the Provider Payment Act.

Medicaid Care Management Organizations are required to increase their per unit reimbursement rates for their contracted, non-critical access hospital providers for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2013 to recognize additional costs associated with the new provider fees imposed by the Provider Payment Act in the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs.

Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2010 and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department is proposing to increase the Medicaid reimbursement for the cost of metabolic newborn screening from \$40 to \$50 to consider a related increase in the amount charged by the Division of Public Health for the screening.

Effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2010, Medicaid Care Management Organizations are required to increase their hospital reimbursement rates for metabolic newborn screening by \$10 to consider a related increase in the amount charged by the Division of Public Health for the screening.

This change is estimated to increase annual expenditures as follows:

Program	Total Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$102,401,346	\$25,488,041
Low Income Medicaid	119,912,319	29,846,581
PeachCare for Kids	<u>6,693,744</u>	<u>1,627,249</u>
All Programs	\$229,007,409	\$56,961,871

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 **May 26, 2010, 1:00 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 26, 2010**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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 **June 10, 2010** 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 13th DAY OF MAY, 2010

Clyde Reese, J.D., Commissioner