

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.

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WAIVER PROGRAMS

The two waiver programs for people with developmental disabilities, the New Options Waiver Program (NOW) and the Comprehensive Supports Waiver Program (COMP), began operations on November 1, 2008 under a configuration of new services and rates created by unbundling services that had been delivered previously on a per diem or monthly basis. The unbundling of the service was supported by CMS and continues to be supported through waiver amendment and renewal approvals. The NOW and COMP Programs' current rates are attached to this public notice.

The purpose of this notice is to establish maximum rates for services provided under the NOW and COMP Waiver Programs.

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 **April 27, 2011**, 1:00 p.m., at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Fifth 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 **April 29, 2011**, 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 4053, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Comments from written and public testimony will be summarized and provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **May 12, 2011** Board meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303, in the Fifth Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14th DAY OF April, 2011

David A. Cook, Commissioner

COMP Waiver Rate Table

Service	Maximum Rate	Unit Description	Maximum Units/ Reimbursement
Adult Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$52.99	One evaluation	* One/year
Adult Occupational Therapeutic Activities	\$19.76	15-minute	* 4 units/day
Adult Occupational Therapy Sensory Integrative Techniques	\$24.46	15-minute	* 4 units/day
Adult Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$52.99	One evaluation	* One/year
Adult Physical Therapy Procedure	\$20.07	15-minute	* 4 units/day
Adult Speech Language Evaluation	\$54.93	One evaluation	* One/year
Adult Speech Language Therapy	\$62.53	One visit	*
Adult Speech-Generating Device Therapy	\$54.75	One visit	*
* Annual limit for All Adult Therapies = \$1,800			
Behavioral Supports Consultation	\$23.56	15-minute	104 units \$2,450.24 annual
Community Access Services (Group)	\$3.04	15-minute	5,760 units
Community Access Services (Individual)	\$7.26	15-minute	1,440 units
Community Guide Services	\$8.93	15-minute	224 units \$2,000.32 annual
Community Living Support Services	\$4.93	15-minute	9,002 annual limit
Community Living Support Services	* \$128.52	daily	365 units
* Note: a rate of \$138.09 per day was legislatively authorized for a subset of waiver participants transitioned from the Brook Run ICF-MR facility.			
Community Living Support RN	\$10.00	15-minute	*
Community Living Support LPN	\$8.75	15-minute	*
* Note: Total annual amount of all 15-minute CLS and CLS nursing units can not exceed \$44,384 when only 15-minute units are billed or any annual amount associated with an authorized exceptional rate. Total annual amount of all daily CLS and CLS nursing units can not exceed \$50,402.85 or any annual amount associated with an authorized exceptional rate.			
Community Residential Alternative	\$155.56	daily	324 units

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Community Residential Alternative RN	\$10.00	15-minute	*
Community Residential Alternative LPN	\$8.75	15-minute	*
* Note: Total annual amount of all daily CRA and CRA nursing units can not exceed \$50,401.44 or any annual amount associated with an authorized exceptional rate.			
Environmental Accessibility Adaptation			Lifetime maximum \$10,400
Financial Support Services	\$75.00	month	12
Individual Directed Goods and Services		1 item	20 units or \$1,500 annual
Natural Support Training	\$20.78	15-minute	86 units
Prevocational Services	\$3.04	15-minute	5,760 units
Overnight Respite	\$96.00	daily	* 39 units
Respite	\$4.21	15-minute unit	* 889 units
* Maximum annual for all respite services = \$3,744.00			
Specialized Medical Equipment			\$5,200 annual \$13,474.76 lifetime
Specialized Medical Supplies			\$1,868.16 annual
Support Coordination	\$149.88	month	12
Supported Employment Services – Group	\$1.80	15-minute	3,840 units
Supported Employment Services - Individual	\$7.26	15-minute	1,440 units
Transportation Services	\$13.78	One-way trip	*203 units
Transportation Services Commercial Carrier			*
*Maximum annual for all transportation services = \$2,797.34			
Vehicle Adaptation Services			\$6,240 annual

NOTE: The reimbursement rates outlined above are the maximum amount that Medicaid will reimburse providers, unless an exceptional rate has been authorized by the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). DBHDD may authorize individual provider rates up to the maximum amount or in extraordinary circumstances related to transition of an individual from an institution or imminent risk of institutionalization of an individual authorize an exceptional rate.

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