

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 457.525, 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.

### **Copayments for Medicaid and New Copayments for PeachCare for Kids<sup>®</sup> Members**

Effective for services provided on and after November 1, 2011 and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department will increase existing Medicaid co-payments to the current definition of nominal as defined in the Code of Federal Regulations 42 C.F.R. § 447.54. Additionally, the same co-payments will be applicable to PeachCare for Kids<sup>®</sup> members six (6) years of age and older. All other existing copayment exemptions will continue to apply. A copy of the proposed copayment rates is included in this public notice for illustrative purposes.

This action is anticipated to result in savings of approximately \$3,397,100 in State funds in SFY 2012.

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 27, 2011, at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room at 2:00 pm. 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 30, 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 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 13, 2011, 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 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF September, 2011**

David A. Cook, Commissioner

**Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids®**  
**Proposed CoPayment Schedule**

Category of Service	Co-Payment	
	Current	Proposed Copayments
Advanced Nurse Practitioners	Cost-Based	
Ambulatory Surgical Centers / Birthing	\$3.00	\$3.65
Durable Medical Equipment	\$2.00 and \$3.00	\$2.45 and \$3.65
Federally Qualified Health Centers	\$2.00	\$2.45
Free Standing Rural Health Clinic	\$2.00	\$2.45
Home Health Services	\$3.00	\$3.65
Hospital-based Rural Health Center	\$2.00	\$2.45
Inpatient Hospital Services	\$12.50	\$25.00
Oral Maxillofacial Surgery	Cost-Based	
Orthotics and Prosthetics	\$3.00	\$3.65
Outpatient Hospital Services	\$3.00	\$3.65
Pharmacy - Preferred Drugs	\$0.50	\$0.65
Pharmacy - Non-Preferred Drugs	Cost-Based	
Physician Assistant Services	Cost-Based	
Physician Services	Cost-Based	
Podiatry	Cost-Based	
Vision Care	Cost-Based	

Cost-Based Co-Payment Schedule		
Cost of Service	Current	Proposed
\$10.00 or less	\$0.50	\$0.65
\$10.01 to \$25.00	\$1.00	\$1.25
\$25.01 to \$50.00	\$2.00	\$2.45
\$50.01 or more	\$3.00	\$3.65