

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Medical Assistance, is required to give public notice of any significant proposed changes in its method and standards for setting payment rates for services.

### **NURSING HOME SERVICES**

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2010 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to modify the payment method for nursing home services as follows:

- The rate will reflect an increase in the nursing home provider fee from \$12.21 per day to \$12.61 per day effective July 1, 2010.

The purpose of these changes is to more accurately match payments to the level of services being provided for members residing in nursing facilities. These changes are estimated to reduce annual expenditures by approximately \$35,326,962 in total funds and \$8,793,000 in state funds. This change is contingent on approval of available federal financial participation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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 **June 24, 2010, 2:00 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 **June 24, 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 **July 8, 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 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2010**

Clyde Reese, J.D., Commissioner