

## **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.

### **DENTAL SERVICES**

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2006, the Department is proposing to begin providing expanded dental benefits for pregnant women which will include certain non-emergency services.

The change is in accordance with HB 1027 which allotted for the expansion of dental services to pregnant women. The change is estimated to increase annual expenditures by approximately \$6,491,820 in total funds; \$2,500,000 in state funds.

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before July 13, 2006, 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.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on July 13, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. in conjunction with the July meeting of the Board of Community Health. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during the meeting should call (404) 656-4479. The Board will vote on the proposed changes after comments have been received. The location of the July Board meeting will be posted on the department's website at [www.dch.georgia.gov](http://www.dch.georgia.gov) prior to July 13, 2006.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE, 2006**

**Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner**