

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.

DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME) SERVICES

Effective for dates of services on and after July 01, 2009, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to update the maximum allowable reimbursement for DME services. Such services will be reimbursed based on 80% of the 2007 DMEPOS rate, as specified by Medicare for the Atlanta area for participating Medicare providers. Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids providers subject to this change include DME providers.

The purpose of this change is to more accurately match payments to the level of funding that was made available in the state fiscal year 2010 Appropriations Act. This change is estimated to change expenditures in FY 2010 as follows:

Program	Total Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	(\$3,051,042)	(\$768,252)
Low Income Medicaid	(\$381,317)	(\$96,016)
PeachCare for Kids	\$0	\$0
All Programs	(\$3,432,359)	(\$864,268)

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, 2009**, 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 **June 4, 2009**, 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 11, 2009** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the **June 11, 2009** 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 Fifth Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14th DAY OF MAY, 2009

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner