

**Georgia Department of Community Health
State Fiscal Year 2005 - Attestation of Public Status
For Upper Payment Limit Rate Adjustments for Nursing Homes**

Requirements:

- The federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) now requires that the Department must obtain a statement of assurance from the government entity making an intergovernmental transfer on behalf of a public nursing home.
- For State Fiscal Year 2005 Upper Payment Limit (UPL) rate adjustments, an Attestation of Public Status must be received at the Department by 2 p.m. on February 25, 2005.

Attestation of Public Status Forms:

- Depending on the organization structure of the government entity, one of the following types of forms should be submitted for each public nursing home:
 - Hospital Authority
 - Development Authority
 - Industrial Authority
 - Industrial Development Authority
- If a government entity owns more than one nursing home facility, a single attestation form can be submitted that names all of the facilities owned.
- Electronic file copies of these forms are also available on the Department's web site at www.communityhealth.state.ga.us by selecting options for Providers, Nursing Facility Services and then UPL Forms.

Contact information:

- For questions about the requirement for the Attestation of Public Status Form – Jim Connolly, Director of Reimbursement Services, by e-mail at jconnolly@dch.state.ga.us, by telephone at (404) 657-9541 or by fax at (404) 657-4199
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