

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.

H1N1 INFLUENZA VACCINE ADMINISTRATION REIMBURSEMENT

Effective for dates of services on or after October 6, 2009, and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department of Community Health is proposing to establish the maximum allowable reimbursement for the administration of the H1N1 influenza vaccine to eligible adults over 19 years of age, where the drug is provided free of charge by the federal government, to the lesser of:

- The fee (currently \$8.00) consistent with the vaccine administration rate described for children under the Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) Medicaid Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) programs guideline; or
- The provider's usual and customary charge.

Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids providers subject to this change include but may not be limited to Physicians, Physician Assistants, Nurse Midwives, Advanced Nurse Practitioners, Podiatrists, Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons, and related providers eligible to receive shipment and administer H1N1 influenza vaccine.

The fiscal impact of this change for adult Medicaid is estimated at \$5,159,752 (Total Funds) and \$1,305,933 (State Funds) for SFY 2010.

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 **October 28, 2009**, 1 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 **October 30, 2009**, 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.

Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **November 12, 2009**, 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 8th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2009