

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.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Effective for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2013, and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department is proposing to decrease the hospital inpatient and outpatient add-on reimbursement rates from the current level of 11.88% to 10.49% to more precisely achieve the desired program outcome envisioned by the legislature when the Provider Payment Agreement Act was first implemented on July 1, 2010, for Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs. Critical Access Hospitals, Public State Owned Hospitals and Psychiatric Hospitals remain exempt from all the provisions of the Provider Payment Act.

Medicaid Care Management Organizations will also decrease their per unit add-on reimbursement rates from 11.88% to 10.49% for their contracted, non-critical access hospital providers for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided between July 1, 2011 and June 30, 2013 to more precisely recognize additional costs associated with the new provider fees imposed by the Provider Payment Act in the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs.

This change is estimated to decrease annual expenditures as follows:

Program	Total Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	(1,607,701)	(400,162)
Low Income Medicaid	(1,882,623)	(468,591)
PeachCare for Kids	<u>(105,092)</u>	<u>(25,548)</u>
All Programs	(3,595,416)	(894,301)

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 2, 2011**, at **1:00 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 2, 2011**, 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 9, 2011** 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 12th DAY OF MAY, 2011

David A. Cook, Commissioner