

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 42 CFR § 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.

### **PHARMACY**

Effective for dates of service on or after February 10, 2006, the Department is proposing that non-profit pharmacies bill and be reimbursed an amount not greater than the dispensing fee plus the actual acquisition cost of a drug. For the purposes of this policy, non-profit pharmacies shall also include pharmacies purchasing under the Minnesota Multi-State Contracting Alliance for Pharmacy (MMCAP) or other similar non-profit purchasing coalition programs. The proposed change in rates is expected to affect not more than 2.6% of the pharmacy provider network. This change is not expected to impact annual total expenditures in this category of service. The purpose of the change is to clarify existing policy.

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on the proposed changes should do so before February 9, 2006, to the Board of Community Health, P. O. 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 February 9, 2006, at 12:00 p.m. in conjunction with the February 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 rate change after comments have been received. The February 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting will be held in the Carl E. Sanders Fireplace Room of the Capitol Education Center, 180 Central Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF January, 2006**

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