

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.

DIALYSIS SERVICES

Effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2007 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to increase the payment rate for technical Dialysis Services, from \$1,477.44 to \$1,609.53 per month. The purpose of this change is to more accurately match payments to the level of services being provided. This change is estimated to increase annual expenditures by approximately \$4,043,033 in total funds; and \$1,400,000 in state funds.

Also effective July 1, 2007 DCH will pay the lower of the submitted charge or the statewide fixed monthly rate for the technical services rendered. The fixed rate includes payment for the maintenance, supplies and equipment required to provide dialysis services to eligible Medicaid members and will be pro-rated to the extent a member receives services during a time period that spans less than 30 days. This rate is comprehensive and applies to all modes of in-facility and home dialysis services.

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 23, 2007 at 1 p.m.**, at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 40th Floor Board Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. 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 6, 2007**, 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 will be summarized and provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **June 14, 2007** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes after comments have been received. The June Board meeting will be held at **10:30 a.m.** in the Floyd Room of the Twin Towers Building, 20th Floor, West Tower, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 10th DAY OF MAY, 2007
Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner