

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.

MENTAL RETARDATION WAIVER PROGRAM (MRWP) COMMUNITY HABILITATION AND SUPPORT SERVICES (CHSS)

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2007, the Department is proposing to increase the rate paid for Service Coordination in the Mental Retardation Waiver Program (MRWP) and the Community Habilitation and Support Services (CHSS) Waiver Program. Payment is made on a per member per month (PMPM) basis and will increase from \$125.00 PMPM to \$136.88 PMPM.

The purpose of this change is to recognize additional functions to be included in the Service Coordination waiver benefit. These functions include but are not limited to the creation of Individual Service Plans and additional monthly site visits to ensure members are receiving appropriate waiver services. An additional \$1,679,357 in total funds and \$629,171 in state funds is estimated as the annual cost.

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 **March 27, 2007**, 10 a.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 **April 2, 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 from written and public testimony will be summarized and provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **April 12, 2007** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes to 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 8th DAY OF MARCH, 2007

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner