

## 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.

### PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs)

Effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2008, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to make the following change to Medicaid reimbursement for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities:

Utilize FY 2006 provider-specific cost reports to determine provider-specific per diem rates for the reimbursement of psychiatric residential treatment services. The FY 2006 cost report data will be adjusted to consider inflation based on the CMS Hospital Market Basket (Global Insight's Health Care Cost Service Forecast, Table 6.3). Per Diems will be subject to a cap of \$370 per day. Rates for PRTFs who do not have a 2006 cost report reflective of the provision of PRTF services will be based on the median rate of other PRTF providers.

Effective July 1, 2008, Care Management Organizations are required to increase their current per unit reimbursement rates for their contracted PRTFs to effect a rate change comparable to the proposed change in fee-for-service rates.

This change is subject to federal approval and estimated to increase annual expenditures as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$837,537	\$301,262
Low Income Medicaid	2,652,200	953,996
PeachCare for Kids	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
All Programs	<u>\$3,489,737</u>	<u>\$1,255,258</u>

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 23, 2008**, 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 **June 27, 2008**, 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 **July 10, 2008** 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 JUNE, 2008**

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner