

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.

FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER (FQHC) AND RURAL HEALTH CLINIC (RHC) INCREASE

Pending CMS approval and effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2013, the Department is proposing to increase the minimum Prospective Payment Services (PPS) rate for FQHCs, free standing RHCs and hospital based RHCs from the current minimum level mandated by federal law to the current statewide Georgia Medicaid average for each of these categories respectively. This increase applies to those FQHCs and RHCs that are below the current statewide average.

This change is estimated to increase expenditures for SFY 2014 as follows:

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$427,617	\$146,074
Low Income Medicaid	\$291,579	\$ 99,603
PeachCare	\$ 36,273	\$ 8,673

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 16, 2013** at **11:00 a.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 **May 23, 2013** 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 13, 2013** 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 7th DAY OF MAY, 2013
David A. Cook, Commissioner