

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.

ADVANCING INNOVATION TO DELIVER EQUITY (AIDE) REVISED ELIGIBILITY

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes a revision to the eligibility criteria for the Advancing Innovation to Deliver Equity (AIDE) state directed payment program, effective July 1, 2024. Eligible hospitals would be defined as a hospital that is: (1.) an individual acute care hospital providing more than (i) 63,000 total Medicaid inpatient days based on the 2020 Medicare Cost Report and (ii) 100,000 total In-State Medicaid inpatient days as reported in the 2021 DCH Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Final Payment Eligibility Report or (2.) a non-state government-owned hospital designated as both a sole community hospital and a teaching hospital on CMS Form 2552-10 for cost reporting period ending 2022.

The AIDE payments for all participants represent the difference between the aggregate provider commercial reimbursement and Medicaid payments using average commercial rates. The resulting percentage increase derived from these commercial rate equivalent calculations will be applied to all eligible participating hospitals' Care Management Organization (CMO) claims to calculate the value-based directed payment amount.

Ten percent of program payments will be at-risk based on performance improvement of applicable quality metrics. Baseline performance metrics will be established in the first year based on established national benchmarks and consistent with the requirements for existing participants.

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2025	51,634,998*	\$100,411,521	\$152,046,519

*Funded via intergovernmental transfer (IGT)

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **May 15, 2024 at 12:30 p.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Topic: Advancing Innovation to Deliver Equity (AIDE) Revised Eligibility Public Hearing
Time: May 15, 2024 12:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 22, 2024**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov.

If the proposed changes are presented to the Board for final action, relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board. The Board expects to vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held on **June 13, 2024** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9th DAY OF MAY 2024

Russel Carlson, Commissioner