

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.

AMBULANCE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT (UPL) SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective July 1, 2019, the Department proposes to implement a new Ambulance Upper Payment Limit (UPL) supplemental payment program for ambulance providers that are affiliated with a hospital. Under the program, participating ambulance providers will receive increased Medicaid funding via a lump sum UPL payment twice a year.

Participation in the program is voluntary and dependent upon the ambulance provider securing a commitment from a hospital authority to make an inter-governmental transfer (IGT) of funds to the Department to finance the state share of the ambulance UPL payment.

This change is estimated to increase expenditures for SFY 2020 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>State Funds (IGT)</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$10,845,793	\$22,321,770	\$33,167,563

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 **June 18, 2019, 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. Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **June 25, 2019**, 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. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **July 11, 2019** 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 13th DAY OF JUNE, 2019
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner