

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.

HOSPITAL SERVICES - SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT FOR INPATIENT SERVICES RENDERED IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH UNITS

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective July 1, 2019, the Department proposes to implement a new annual supplemental payment to acute care hospitals that have inpatient child and adolescent behavioral health units. The supplemental payment will provide additional reimbursement to eligible hospitals, bringing the total Medicaid payments for inpatient mental health services rendered by the units to the equivalent of \$750 per covered day.

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

<u>Program</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$144,005	\$297,459	\$441,464

The state funds portion of this proposal was appropriated in HB 31 (SFY 2020 Budget Bill).

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, 2019 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. Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 22, 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 **June 13, 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 9th DAY OF MAY, 2019
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner