

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.

MEDICAID CARE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CMOs) HOSPITAL DIRECTED PAYMENTS FOR PRIVATE HOSPITALS

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes implementing a hospital state directed payment program on July 1, 2022, for eligible private hospitals. Eligible private hospitals are defined as all private, acute hospitals excluding general cancer hospitals, free-standing children's hospitals, and rehabilitative/psychiatric/long term acute hospitals. All critical access hospitals are excluded.

Under the program, eligible participating hospitals through the Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) will receive increased Medicaid funding via two directed payments: one interim payment and one final reconciliation.

This program is estimated to increase provider funding of critical services for the Medicaid population and strengthen Georgia's healthcare workforce. The below funding represents the estimated total SFY23 payments for participating private hospitals:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2023	\$51,748,450*	\$101,478,140	\$153,226,590

*Funded via provider payments

The state directed payment will be based on the difference between aggregate provider Medicare reimbursement and Medicaid payments for these same providers using SFY 2021 Upper Payment Limit (UPL) calculations. The resulting percentage increase derived from these UPL calculations will be applied to all eligible participating providers' CMO claims to calculate the state directed payment amount. The state directed payment will be made to the CMOs and the CMOs will be required to transfer the payment to the eligible participating providers. The CMO reimbursement plus state directed payments will not exceed 100% of Medicare in aggregate.

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 7, 2022 at 11:30 a.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.

June 7, 2022 11:30 AM 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 **June 14, 2022**, 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 27, 2022** 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 2nd DAY OF JUNE 2022

Caylee Noggle, Commissioner