

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.

DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL (DSH) ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY UPDATE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective for Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) rate adjustments made on or after July 1, 2019, the Department proposes to update and more clearly state the definition of uncompensated care.

The current language in the Medicaid State Plan states that the Department will utilize the federal definition of uncompensated care in determining the allocation of the annual DSH allotment to hospitals. The Department proposes to add language to the Medicaid State Plan that specifically defines uncompensated care, rather than referencing federal definitions. The proposed definition to be added to the State Plan is the current definition being utilized by the Department in its DSH allocation methodology and will not result in any change for hospitals. This update is budget neutral.

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 16, 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 **May 23, 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