

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

Department of Community Health, Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Durable Medical Equipment (DME) Proposed Rate Change per the 21st Century Cures Act

Effective on January 1, 2018, and per DCH Final Board approval and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department is proposing to change the reimbursement methodology for DME, to align with the 21st Century Cures Act.

This State Plan Amendment will change reimbursement of DME from the lower of the usual and customary charges for the item or 80% of the 2007 Medicare DME rate; to the lower of the usual and customary charges for the item or 100% of the current Medicare DME rate.

Please note that orthotics and prosthetics (O&P) rates will not be impacted by this change.

| | State Cost | Federal Cost | Total Cost |
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| SFY 2018 | (\$3,204,442) | (\$6,920,178) | (\$10,124,620) |
| SFY 2019 | (\$3,315,678) | (\$6,994,265) | (\$10,309,943) |

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **December 20, 2017, 10:30 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. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **December 27, 2017**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

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 **January 11, 2018** 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 14th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner