

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.

Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program Rate Increase

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2021 and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department proposes to increase reimbursement rates for all services provided through the Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program which includes the Community Care E&D Waiver Program Services Program (CCSP) and the Service Options Using Resources for Community Environments (SOURCE) Program.

This change is estimated to increase E&D Waiver expenditures for SFY 2022 as follows:

SFY 2022					
Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Adult Day Health Level I Full Day	\$55.62	\$61.18	\$465,167	\$1,009,213	\$1,474,381
Adult day Health Level I Partial Day	\$33.37	\$36.71	\$5,813	\$12,611	\$18,424
Adult Day Health; Physical Therapy	\$44.15 / visit	\$48.57	\$75	\$163	\$238
Adult Day Health; Speech Therapy	\$44.15 / visit	\$48.57	\$17	\$36	\$53
Adult Day Health; Occupational Therapy	\$44.15 / visit	\$48.57	\$93	\$202	\$296
Adult Day Health Level II Full Day	\$69.53 / day	\$76.48	\$468,391	\$1,016,207	\$1,484,598
Adult Day Health Level II Partial Day	\$41.73 / day	\$45.90	\$7,314	\$15,867	\$23,181
Alternative Living Services - Group Model	\$50.00 / day	\$55.00	\$864,502	\$1,875,598	\$2,740,100
Alternative Living Services – Family Model	\$50.00 / day	\$55.00	\$507,173	\$1,100,347	\$1,607,520
Structured Family Caregiver	\$90.20 / day	\$99.22	\$168,651	\$365,901	\$534,552
Out of Home Respite (12 hours)	\$42.57 / night	\$46.83	\$44	\$96	\$140

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Out of Home Respite (hourly)	\$3.00 / 15-minute unit	\$3.30	\$19	\$41	\$61
Personal Support Service	\$5.07 / 15-minute unit	\$5.58	\$486,892	\$1,056,348	\$1,543,240
Extended Personal Support	\$4.51 / 15-minute unit	\$4.96	\$3,806,526	\$8,258,532	\$12,065,057
Fiscal Intermediary	\$80.00 / month	\$88.00	\$11,073	\$24,023	\$35,096
Emergency Response Monitoring (Monthly)	\$36.69 / month	\$40.36	\$141,494	\$306,982	\$448,477
Emergency Response Monitoring (Weekly)	\$9.17 / week	\$10.09	\$65	\$141	\$206
Emergency Response Installment	Up to \$110.10 / one installment	\$121.11	\$5,054	\$10,965	\$16,020
Home Delivered Meals	\$6.74 / meal	\$7.41	\$1,054,213	\$2,287,191	\$3,341,404
Skilled Nursing Services RN	\$65.00 / visit	\$71.50	\$7,908	\$17,156	\$25,064
Skilled Nursing Services LPN	\$50.00 / visit	\$55.00	\$62,715	\$136,065	\$198,780
Care Coordination Services	\$175 / month	\$192.50	\$617,574	\$1,339,871	\$1,957,445
Enhanced Care Coordination Services	\$192.27 / month	\$211.50	\$1,267,431	\$2,749,782	\$4,017,212
Total Fiscal Impact			\$9,948,202	\$21,583,342	\$31,531,545

The Georgia General Assembly passed legislation to increase Elderly and Disabled Waiver rates by 10% effective July 1, 2021. The increase will affect all services provided through the Waiver Program.

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 18, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., via WebEx 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.

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 25, 2021**, 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 10, 2021 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 13th DAY OF MAY, 2021
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner