

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 WAIVER PROGRAM (EDWP) AND INDEPENDENT CARE WAIVER PROGRAM (ICWP) RATE INCREASE

Pending Department of Community Health (DCH) Board and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, DCH proposes to increase provider reimbursement rates for all services within the EDWP and ICWP waivers by one half of one percent (.5%) effective August 11th, 2023.

In the 2022 legislative session, DCH received funding to increase rates to cover the cost associated with fingerprinting requirements for provider enrollment. Following the CMS renewal of the EDWP and ICWP waivers, DCH proposes to enact waiver amendments to operationalize the change in rate methodology. DCH anticipates the following fiscal impact:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2024	\$1,297,039	\$2,520,026	\$3,817,065

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 14, 2023 at 1:00 p.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.

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 **July 10, 2023**, 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.

If the proposed changes are presented to the Board for final action, relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board. The Board expects to vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held on **August 10, 2023** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 8th DAY OF JUNE 2023
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner