

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) AMENDMENT

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and Department of Community Health (DCH) Board approval, DCH proposes to amend the EDWP to enact the 2023 DCH rate study effective July 1, 2024.

In calendar year 2023 DCH, in collaboration with the EDWP provider network, underwent a comprehensive rate study process to establish a current cost-based, reimbursement rate across all services. The rate study met the requirements of Senate Bill 610 enacted during the 2022 session requiring a rate study be completed every four years for Home and Community Based Waiver programs. DCH proposes to amend the EDWP to adjust rates as indicated by the rate study.

Rate Increases:

Service Name	Current Rate	Amended Rate	Service Unit
Adult Day Health Level 1 Half Day	\$36.89	\$50.14	Half day
Adult Day Health Level 1 Full Day	\$61.49	\$82.49	Daily
Adult Day Health Level 2 Half Day	\$46.13	\$66.22	Half day
Adult Day Health Level 2 Full Day	\$76.86	\$108.23	Daily
Adult Day Health: Occupational Therapy	\$48.81	\$105.98	Per visit
Adult Day Health: Physical Therapy	\$48.81	\$105.98	Per visit
Adult Day Health: Speech Therapy	\$48.81	\$105.98	Per visit
Alternative Living Services Family Model	\$55.28	\$68.97	Daily
Alternative Living Services Group Model	\$55.28	\$67.04	Daily
Care Coordination Traditional	\$193.46	\$206.22	Monthly
Fiscal Intermediary	\$88.44	\$95.00	Monthly
Home Delivered Meals	\$7.45	\$8.15	Per meal
Out of Home Respite	\$3.32	\$3.66	15 minutes
Out of Home Respite Per Diem	\$47.06	\$88.92	Daily
Personal Support	\$5.61	\$6.38	15 minutes
Personal Support Extended	\$4.98	\$5.52	15 minutes
Skilled Nursing LPN Per Diem	\$55.28	\$63.41	Per visit
Skilled Nursing RN Per Diem	\$71.86	\$95.34	Per visit
Structured Family Caregiving	\$99.72	\$110.39	Daily

Note: Services not listed did not indicate rate adjustment needed.

The fiscal impact of the proposed rate amendment is as follows:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2025	\$29,841,786	\$57,979,832	\$87,821,618

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 **March 20, 2024 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.

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 **April 15, 2024**, 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 **May 9, 2024** 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 14th DAY OF MARCH 2024

Russel Carlson, Commissioner