

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.

Georgia Pediatric Program (GAPP) Rate Increase

Effective July 1, 2022 with DCH Board approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) is proposing an increase in rates of reimbursement for pediatric in home skilled nursing covered by GAPP. The increase in rates of reimbursement is funded in accordance with the DCH American Rescue Plan of 2021 (ARP) and supported ongoing by State appropriations.

Proposed July 1, 2022 rates are as follows:

Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Billing Code
Registered Nurse (RN) In-Home Skilled Nursing Care	\$10.63 per 15-minute unit	\$11.69 per 15-minute unit	S9123
Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) In-Home Skilled Nursing Care	\$9.31 per 15-minute unit	\$10.24 per 15-minute unit	S9124

The proposed reimbursement rate change is estimated to increase expenditures as follows:

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Program	State Funds (ARP)	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Medicaid	\$2,841,144	\$5,732,011	\$8,573,155

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 20, 2022 at 10:30 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 **May 27, 2022**, 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 27, 2022** 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 12th DAY OF May 2022
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner