

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.

HOSPITAL SERVICES - EXTENSION OF THE HOSPITAL MEDICAID FINANCING PROGRAM

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to extend the current Hospital Medicaid Financing Program (aka hospital provider payment program) through June 30, 2030, in alignment with the provisions of O.C.G.A. Sec. 31-8-179.6. The Hospital Medicaid Financing Program is currently set to sunset on June 30, 2025.

The Hospital Medicaid Financing Program is expected to increase hospital expenditures in SFY2025 as follows:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Medicaid-Aged, Blind & Disabled	\$2,541,738	\$4,934,512	\$7,476,250
Medicaid-Low Income	\$22,875,637	\$44,410,596	\$67,286,233
Total	\$25,417,375	\$49,345,108	\$74,762,483

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 **August 14, 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 **August 21, 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at the Board meeting to be held on **September 12, 2024** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.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 8th DAY OF AUGUST 2024
Russel Carlson, Commissioner