

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.

Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) Direct Payments to Public Hospitals.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to implement a new direct payment program for Medicaid Care Management Organizations (CMOs) and eligible participating Public Hospitals. Public hospitals are defined as all state and non-state government hospitals, excluding Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs).

Under the program, eligible participating public hospitals through the Medicaid CMOs will receive increased Medicaid funding via an annual lump sum direct payment.

This change is estimated to increase CMO funding to Medicaid public hospitals:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2022	\$56,195,738	\$132,348,375	\$188,544,113

The direct payments will be based on the difference between aggregate provider Medicare reimbursement and Medicaid payments for these same providers using SFY2019 Upper Payment Limit (UPL) calculations. The resulting percentage increase derived from these UPL calculations will be applied to all eligible participating providers' CMO claims to calculate the direct payment amount. The direct payment will be made to the CMOs and the CMOs will be required to transfer the payment to the eligible participating public hospitals. The CMO reimbursement plus direct payments will not exceed 100% of Medicare in aggregate.

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 **April 15, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., via WebEx audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **April 22, 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 **May 13, 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 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2021

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner