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 PROVIDER PAYMENT PROGRAM

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided on or after July 1, 2019, the Department proposes to extend the current Hospital Provider Payment program until June 30, 2025. This extension was enacted by the Georgia General Assembly in HB 321.

The Hospital Provider Payment program is expected to increase hospital expenditures in SFY 2020 as follows:

Program	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled; Low-Income Medicaid; & PeachCare	$113,749,741	$234,961,912	$348,711,653

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 16, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.,** at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5th Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 23, 2019**, 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 13, 2019** 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 (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9th DAY OF MAY, 2019
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner