

PUBLIC NOTICE

INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY, AUDIOLOGY, PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to increase select reimbursement rates for speech-language pathology, audiology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy to eighty-five percent (85%) of 2023 Medicare Part B fee schedule.

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
SFY 2025	\$4,855,862	\$9,426,086	\$14,281,948

For FY 2025, the General Assembly through HB916 appropriated total funds of \$14,281,948 (State funds \$4,855,862) to increase reimbursement rates for the above programs.

Below is a list of CPT codes that will be updated:

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes						
10060	90791	92523	92546	92556	92584	92604
20560	92507	92524	92550	92565	92597	92607
31237	92520	92526	92552	92579	92601	92608
31579	92521	92538	92553	92582	92602	92609
73630	92522	92540	92555	92583	92603	92610

Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes						
92612	96125	97116	97164	97533	97760	99203
92626	97022	97124	97165	97535	97761	99204
95851	97035	97140	97166	97537	97763	99211
95852	97110	97161	97167	97542	98966	99212
95909	97112	97162	97168	97597	98980	99213
95910	97113	97163	97530	97750	99202	99214

The Department will not adjust the reimbursement rates for CPT codes not priced by Medicare. The Department will not reduce the reimbursement rates in those instances wherein application of the 2023 Medicare rate would result in a reimbursement rate reduction.

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 **June 18, 2024, at 10:00 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 **June 25, 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 **July 11, 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 13th DAY OF June 2024
Russel Carlson, Commissioner