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.

LEAD INVESTIGATIONS RATE INCREASE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective for services provided on or after January 1, 2020, the Department proposes to modify and increase the payment for Lead Investigation services as follows:

- Increase the reimbursement rate for Initial Lead Investigations from $229.60 to $964.00.
- Increase the reimbursement rate for Post Hazard Abatement from $197.34 to $345.00.

This change is estimated to increase Lead Investigation expenditures for SFY 2020 as follows:

Program	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	$374	$773	$1,147
Low Income Medicaid	$6,556	$13,542	$20,098
PeachCare for Kids	$738	$69	$807
Total	$7,668	$14,384	$22,052

This change is estimated to increase Lead Investigation expenditures for SFY 2021 as follows:

Program	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	$749	$1,546	$2,295
Low Income Medicaid	$13,112	$27,084	$40,195
PeachCare for Kids	$1,288	$325	$1,613
Total	$15,148	$28,955	$44,103

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 **January 16, 2020 at 11:00 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 **January 23, 2020**, 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 **February 13, 2020** 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 JANUARY, 2020
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner