

**REVISED**  
**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.

**Department of Community Health, Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment:  
Increase Medicaid Hospital Triage Rate.**

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department proposes to increase the triage rate from \$50 to \$70 for rural hospitals and from \$50 to \$60 for all other hospitals. The rate increase would be effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2018.

The “triage rate” is the rate paid to hospitals for emergency room visits for minor and non-acute illnesses which are not considered to be true or potential medical emergencies.

A “rural hospital” is a hospital in a Georgia county that has a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census of 2010, less any military personnel and their dependents.

The proposed increase to the triage rate is estimated to increase Medicaid hospital reimbursement for SFY 2019 as follows:

<b>Program</b>	<b>State Funds</b>	<b>Federal Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid	\$403,930	\$852,072	\$1,256,002
Low-Income Medicaid	\$1,388,211	\$2,928,365	\$4,316,576
Total Impact to Medicaid	\$1,792,141	\$3,780,437	\$5,572,578

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **June 21, 2018, 2:00 p.m.**, at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commissioner’s Conference 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 **June 28, 2018**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30301. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, [danwilliams@dch.ga.gov](mailto: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](mailto:danwilliams@dch.ga.gov). Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **July 12, 2018** 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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018**  
**Frank W. Berry, Commissioner**