

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 NEWBORN DELIVERY ADD-ON FOR RURAL HOSPITALS

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to reimburse a \$500 add-on payment to hospitals in rural counties (populations less than 35,000) for every newborn delivery. The rate increase is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2017.

The proposed add-on payment is estimated to increase Medicaid hospital reimbursement for SFY 2017 as follows:

Program	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Low-Income Medicaid	\$1,890,962	\$1,295,309	\$595,653

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 **April 19, 2017** 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. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **April 26, 2017**, 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 11, 2017** 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 13th DAY OF April, 2017

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner