

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, Elderly and Disabled (E&D) Waiver Program, Waiver Amendment: Structured Family Caregiving

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective for services provided on or after March 1, 2019 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department proposes to add Structured Family Caregiving service to the Elderly and Disabled Waiver Program known as the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) and the Service Options for Community Resources Program (SOURCE). Structured Family Caregiving service provides support to family caregivers who live with and assist an elderly and/or disabled waiver participant requiring significant assistance with activities of daily living. Eligibility for this service option is contingent on there being a live-in, unpaid family caregiver in the home and an assessed need for a minimum of five hours of personal support service daily. The Structured Family Caregiving service provides ongoing telephonic or electronic support to the family caregiver by a Health Coach and review of daily notes submitted by the caregiver reporting changes or concerns about the elderly and/or disabled adult's condition.

The introduction of the Structured Family Caregiving service represents no fiscal impact to the Waiver Program since the per diem rate represents an offset to the equivalent number of hours of Personal Support Services. The estimate cost of the service is as follows:

	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
SFY 2019	\$717,805	\$1,499,011	\$2,216,816
SFY 2020	\$2,244,552	\$4,636,355	\$6,880,907

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 **December 20, 2018 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 **January 24, 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 **February 14, 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 13th DAY OF DECEMBER, 2018
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner