

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.

Increase nursing home reimbursement rates to include updating rates to 2019 cost report, the general and professional liability, property tax pass through rate, a 5% growth allowance inflation factor and a hold harmless provision for the first year.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to increase funding for components of the nursing home reimbursement rates.

This change is estimated to increase funding for nursing home reimbursement rate.

	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
SFY 2022	\$32,948,636	\$71,484,443	\$104,433,079

For FY 2022, the General Assembly has directed the Department to update the nursing home reimbursement rates, general and professional liability, property tax pass-through rate components to reflect the 2019 cost reports with a 5% inflation factor. The cost report year will be updated at a minimum, every two (2) years. During the transition year, the General Assembly has also asked to Department to apply a hold harmless provision to the nursing home reimbursement rate. The hold harmless provision will be in effect for the first-year transition to the 2019 cost report.

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 **May 20, 2021 at 10:45 a.m., via WebEx audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 27, 2021**, 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 **June 10, 2021 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 13th DAY OF MAY, 2021
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner