

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 Rate Increase for Nursing Home Mechanical Ventilator Care Program

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing a rate increase for specialized nursing home mechanical ventilator care. Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2021, the nursing facility per diem for a ventilator dependent resident will increase by 5.9% to the amount of \$589.62.

This change is estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2021 as follows:

	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
SFY 2022	\$447,921	\$903,274	\$1,351,195

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 **May 20, 2021 10:00 a.m., via WebEx audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Event number: 127 476 1331

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2. Click "Join Now".

Join the audio conference only: Call-in toll number (US/Canada): 1-650-479-3207 Access code: 127 476 1331

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