

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.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PLANS, WAIVER AMENDMENT: NEW OPTIONS WAIVER PROGRAM (NOW) AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS WAIVER PROGRAM (COMP) SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2019, pending Final Board approval and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approval, the Department proposes the following reimbursement rate increase for the following services:

| Procedure Code | Description | Current Rate | Proposed Rate |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| T2019 – HQ, HQ/UC, HQ/UA | Supported Employment – Group | \$1.84 | \$2.02 |
| T2019 – UB, UB/UC, UB/UA | Supported Employment – Individual | \$7.41 | \$8.15 |

The Department estimates that the total cost of the proposal for SFY 2020 is as follows. These rates were authorized and funded by the Georgia Legislature. The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) provides the State Funds Match for these services.

| State Fiscal Year 2020 | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| State Cost | Federal Cost | Total Cost |
| \$1,237,819.74 | \$ 2,584,971.29 | \$3,822,791.03 |

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 **June 20, 2019, 3:00 p.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 **July 15, 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 **August 8, 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 JUNE, 2019
Frank W. Berry, Commissioner