

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.

NURSING FACILITY SERVICES – GROWTH ALLOWANCE RATE INCREASE

Pending CMS approval and effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2018 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to increase the payment for nursing facility services. The Medicaid nursing facility cost report used to establish current rates, including a 10.3% growth allowance and using the reporting format and underlying instructions established by the Department, will be used to determine a nursing facility's allowable cost that will be the basis for computing a rate.

This change is estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2019 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>State Funds</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$16,894,882	\$35,668,955	\$52,563,837

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, 2018, 3:00 p.m.**, at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Commissioner's Conference 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 **June 27, 2018**, 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 **July 12, 2018** 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 14th DAY OF JUNE, 2018

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner