

**REVISED**  
**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 – GENERAL AND PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY  
INSURANCE RATE INCREASE**

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2018 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department proposes to modify and increase the payment for nursing facility services as follows:

- Remove applicable FY 2012, 2013, or 2014 general and professional liability insurance costs from the Administrative and General Cost Center for each nursing facility and recalculate a new Administrative and General Cost Center standard per diem.
- Create a supplemental Administrative and General - General and Professional Liability Insurance Cost Center. This new cost center will include each nursing facility's FYE June 30, 2018 general and professional liability insurance costs that are not subject to a standard per diem, but limited to available funds.

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	<b>\$5,000,000</b>	<b>\$10,547,264</b>	<b>\$15,547,264</b>

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, 3:30 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. Individuals 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](mailto: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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2018**  
**Frank W. Berry, Commissioner**