

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, STATE PLAN AMENDMENT: NURSING HOME PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE (PNA) RATE INCREASE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approval and effective July 1, 2019, the Department proposes the following rate increase for Nursing Home Residents Personal Needs Allowance (PNA).

The Department estimates that the total cost of the proposal for SFY 2020 for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Population will be \$401,524 state funds (\$1,230,914 total funds). This rate was authorized and funded by the Georgia Legislature.

Program	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
Aged, Blind and Disabled; SFY 2020	\$401,524	\$829,390	\$1,230,914

The Georgia General Assembly passed legislation to increase the PNA to \$70 effective July 1, 2019. The increase will affect all Medicaid members in nursing homes, as well as those in the hospice program in nursing home settings.

Medicaid members with Supplemental Security Income (SSI) will receive an additional \$5 monthly supplement, for a total PNA of \$70. The Department of Human Services (DHS) will send a check to the Medicaid member via mail.

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, 2:00 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 **June 27, 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 **July 11, 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