

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

Portable Radiography and Accredited Mobile Imaging Service Rate Methodology Change for Medicare Cross-Over

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) approval and effective for services provided on or after August 13, 2021 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department proposes to modify the rate methodology for portable radiography and accredited mobile imaging services for Medicare cross-over payments. The rate will change from a flat rate of one hundred nine dollars and seventy- seven cents (\$109.77) per trip to one hundred percent (100%) of the current Medicare reimbursement rate.

This change is estimated to increase Medical Assistance Plan expenditures as follows:

SFY 2022 Expenditure Impact				
Service	Proposed Rate	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Medicare Cross-Over Portable X-Ray	100% of Medicare Reimbursement Rate	\$250,000	\$541,139	\$791,139

In accordance with House Bill 81, Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations Act, DCH seeks to modify the rate methodology for portable radiography and accredited mobile imaging services for Medicare cross-over payments from a flat rate of \$109.77 per trip to one hundred percent (100%) of the Medicare reimbursement rate.

DCH will modify the rate methodology specific to the one hundred and thirteen (113) codes covered under the category of service associated with Mobile X-Ray Units and tied to Medicare cross-over. The change is limited to Category of Service 232, Mobile X-Ray Units, and indicated by appropriate Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes and applicable modifiers. Additionally, the rate methodology change will be associated with Place of Service 12 (Home), 13 (Assisted Living Facility), 31 (Skilled Nursing Facility), 32 (Nursing Facility), 33 (Custodial Care Facility), and 34 (Hospice).

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 **August 18, 2021 at 11:30 a.m., via WebEx audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at 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: 182 064 3479

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To join the online event

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Join the audio conference only: 1-650-479-3207 Call-in toll number (US/Canada). Access code: 182 064 3479.

Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **August 25, 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 **September 9, 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 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2021
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner