

PUBLIC NOTICE

INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT RATES FOR SELECT PRIMARY CARE AND OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (OBGYN) CODES

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.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to increase reimbursement rates for select Primary Care codes to 90% of 2024 Medicare rates and select Obstetrics and Gynecology (OBGYN) codes to the 2024 Medicare rates.

For FY 2025, the General Assembly (HB916) appropriated total funds of \$37,334,767 (State funds of \$12,693,821) to increase reimbursement rates for the following programs and codes. Estimated cost for the increase is \$33,663,348 (State funds of \$11,445,538).

Program	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD)	\$2,679,290	\$5,200,974	\$7,880,264
Low Income Medicaid (LIM)	\$7,997,381	\$15,524,328	\$23,521,709
PeachCare for Kids (PCK)	\$768,867	\$1,492,507	\$2,261,374

CPT Codes	Primary Care	Current Rate	90% of 2024 Medicare Rate
99213	Office/outpatient visit established LOW MDM	\$76.15	\$80.71
99214	Office/outpatient visit established MOD MDM	\$110.43	\$113.83

CPT Codes	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Current Rate	2024 Medicare Rate
59400	Obstetrical care	\$2,217.89	\$2,430.54
59510	Cesarean delivery	\$2,459.70	\$2,707.48
59610	Vbac delivery	\$2,333.54	\$2,553.24
59618	Attempted Vbac delivery	\$2,491.41	\$2,737.18

Rates shown are for providers reimbursed at the par rate (accept Medicare assignment); reimbursement rates for non-par providers (do not accept Medicare assignment) are slightly lower.

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 **May 14, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (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.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 21, 2024**, 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.

If the proposed changes are presented to the Board for final action, relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board. The Board expects to vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held on **June 13, 2024**, at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9th DAY OF MAY 2024

Russel Carlson, Commissioner