

## 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.

### Private Rural Obstetrics (OB) Directed Payment Preprint (DPP)

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Community Health proposes implementing a new hospital state-directed payment (DPP) program under Medicaid managed care, effective July 1, 2025.

The Department proposes implementing a new Private Rural Obstetrics (OB) Directed Payment Preprint (DPP) for private rural hospitals that deliver babies and provide other obstetric services. The Rural OB DPP payments represent a 152% increase to inpatient and a 219% increase to outpatient Medicaid managed care base payments, which does not exceed 100% of commercial reimbursement.

The following table reflects estimated SFY 2026 payments under the updated methodology:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2026	\$39,476,324 *	\$78,012,735	\$117,489,059

\* Funded via provider payment

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 **July 16, 2025, at 3:30 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 before the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **July 23, 2025**, to Danisha Williams c/o 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 [openrecordsrequest@dch.ga.gov](mailto:openrecordsrequest@dch.ga.gov). *Please note that any comments submitted are subject to open records.*

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2025**  
**Russel Carlson, Commissioner**