

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: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities Rate Increase

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to increase rates for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs), effective January 1, 2019. This proposed rate increase has two parts: 1) a per diem rate increase for existing facilities, and 2) an established per diem rate for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism. PRTF rates are based on facility cost reports submitted to DCH.

Part 1 – A per diem rate increase for existing facilities

This proposal includes an adjustment in facility per diem rates based on the 2017 cost report. This proposal increases the per diem cost ceiling by \$37.00, from \$370.00 to \$407.00.

Proposed January 1, 2019 per diem rates by facility are as follows:

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Billing Code
Coastal Harbor Treatment Center	\$311.18	\$351.62	T2048
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$349.67	\$407.00	T2048
Hillside, Inc.	\$370.00	\$407.00	T2048
Laurel Heights Hospital	\$365.24	\$363.57	T2048
Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta	\$318.14	\$318.14	T2048
Youth Villages Inner Harbour	\$370.00	\$407.00	T2048

The Georgia Legislature funds the State match for PRTF services in the Fee-for-Service program in the budget allocation to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). This funding is being utilized to support Part 1 of the PRTF rate increases.

Part 2 – A new billing modifier and per diem rate for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism

This proposal includes a new modifier for billing code T2048 for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism. The proposed PRTF per diem rate for claims with this modifier is \$440.00 for all facilities. The Georgia Legislature funded this rate increase for PRTFs in the DCH budget.

The projected cost impact of these PRTF rate adjustments with a January 1, 2019 effective date is as follows:

SFY 2019				
Bill Code Description	Agency Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Per Diem Rate Increase	DBHDD	\$133,098	\$277,950	\$411,048
Per Diem Rate Increase with co-occurring diagnosis of autism	DCH	\$45,648	\$95,328	\$140,976

SFY 2020				
Bill Code Description	Agency Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Per Diem Rate Increase	DBHDD	\$268,990	\$553,106	\$822,096
Per Diem Rate Increase with co-occurring diagnosis of autism	DCH	\$124,544	\$256,091	\$380,635

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 **October 18, 2018, 10:00 a.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 **October 25, 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 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 **November 8, 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 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner