

## 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.

### NURSING HOME MECHANICAL VENTILATOR CARE PROGRAM

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing a rate increase for specialized nursing home mechanical ventilator care. Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2020, the nursing facility per diem for a ventilator dependent resident will increase by three percent to the amount of \$556.77.

This change is estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2021 as follows:

Program	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
Aged, Blind and Disabled	\$189,600	\$386,692	\$576,292

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, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., via WebEx audio**. There will be no **in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Event number: 127 596 0817

Event password: Vent

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To join the online event:

1. Copy the following link to a browser:

<https://dchevents.webex.com/dchevents/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed94525f6251303b1c1c85eef8ae54194>

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Join the audio conference only:

Call-in toll number (US/Canada): 1-650-479-3207 Access code: 127 596 0817

Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **August 25, 2020**, 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](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 Danisha Williams, [danwilliams@dch.ga.gov](mailto:danwilliams@dch.ga.gov). Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **September 10, 2020 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 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2020**

**Frank W. Berry, Commissioner**