

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.

QUALITY INITIATIVES AND CARE FOR KIDS (QUICK) DIRECTED PAYMENT PROGRAM (DPP)

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, a new State Directed Payment Program (DPP) will be implemented effective retroactively to July 1, 2023, for the Georgia Families 360 (GF360) Program only. GF360 is Georgia's managed care program for children, youth and young adults in foster care, children and youth receiving adoption assistance, and select youth involved in the juvenile justice system. The care management organization contract for GF360 annually funded a Value-Based Payment (VBP) program through a 5.0% withhold arrangement that focused on value rather than volume to accomplish certain initiatives measured in terms of outcomes, quality of care and other factors.

The Quality Initiatives and Care for Kids (QUICK) DPP will provide funding to specific providers serving GF360 members to incentivize the delivery of high-quality care. This DPP will transition GF360 from the VBP program by utilizing half of the 5.0% withhold arrangement to a Capitation Rate Increase as directed in the DPP Preprint documentation. Accordingly, the existing GF360 withhold arrangement will be reduced to 2.5%.

At the Direction of CMS, the withhold arrangement will be removed from GF360 starting in SFY 2025. The QUICK DPP is intended only for SFY 2024 and there are no plans to renew for future years.

There is no projected cost as the DPP amount will be offset by the reduction to the GF360 withhold arrangement.

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
VBP Arrangement Withhold (Removal)	\$(1.9M)	\$(4.0M)	\$(5.9M)
DPP (Addition)	\$1.9M	\$4.0M	\$5.9M
SFY2025	\$0	\$0	\$0

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 **June 26, 2024 at 11:00 a.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 **July 3, 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 **August 8, 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 24th DAY OF JUNE 2024
Russel Carlson, Commissioner