

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.

Elderly and Disabled Waiver (E&D) Rate Increase for Emergency Response System

Effective with an approved waiver amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department is proposing an increase in rates for Emergency Response Systems for elderly and disabled recipients of home and community based waiver services. The following rates are proposed to change:

Service	Rate Prior to CMS Approval	Rate Post CMS Approval
Emergency Response Monitoring (Monthly) (Procedure Code S5161)	\$31.53 per month	\$36.69 per Month
Emergency Response Monitoring (Weekly) (Procedure Code T2025 U9)	\$7.88 per week	\$9.17 per week
Emergency Response Installment/Testing (Procedure Code S5160)	Up to \$94.60 one installment	Up to \$110.10

This change is estimated to increase expenditures as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled, SFY 2018	\$ 157,978	\$ 50,000

In accordance with the Home and Community Services Settings Rule, substantive changes to waiver programs require a minimum public comment period of 30 days. 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 2, 2017** at 11:30 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. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 18, 2017**, 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 **June 8, 2017** 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 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2017

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner