

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.

Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP)

Effective for the Independent Care Waiver program Personal Support Services provided on and after July 1, 2014, and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department, in response to a joint federal and state initiative to increase access to care, is proposing an increase in rates of 5%. The rate increase is funded through the third quarter of SFY 2016 via the Balancing Incentives Payment Program in which Georgia receives an enhanced match to augment home- and community-based services. There is no state impact until fourth quarter SFY 2016.

The following rates are proposed to change:

Service	Rate Prior to 7/1/14	Rate Post 7/1/14
Personal Support Service Level 1	\$10.32 per hour unit	\$10.84 per hour unit
Personal Support Service Level 2	\$12.20 per hour unit	\$12.81 per hour unit
Personal Support Service Level 3	\$14.07 per hour unit	\$14.77 per hour unit

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 2015	\$0	\$0
Aged, Blind, and Disabled, SFY 2016	\$1,097,991	\$373,317
Aged, Blind, and Disabled, SFY 2017	\$4,167,179	\$1,416,841

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 19, 2014**, at 10:00 Am., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. This item will be one of several waiver public notices up for comment during that hearing. Each public notice will have its own segment of the hearing agenda. 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 **June 26, 2014**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301.

Comments submitted will be available for review by the public at the Department of Community Health, Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Room 4074, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **July 10, 2014**, 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 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2014

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