

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.

Alignment with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) School-Based Services (SBS) Guidance STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA)

The Department of Community Health (DCH) will submit updates to Georgia's Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) and to the Administrative Claiming for Education (ACE) implementation materials to align with the federal School-Based Services (SBS) guidance. Updates will clarify covered services and administrative claiming, modernize Random Moment Time Study (RMTS) sampling parameters and cost reconciliation timelines, and strengthen documentation and oversight without changing member eligibility or benefits. The goal is to simplify Local Educational Agency (LEA) participation, ensure fiscal integrity, and support sustainable federal reimbursement for services delivered in schools.

Pending CMS approval, this change will take effect on May 15, 2026. The planned changes include:

- 1) State Plan Amendment (SPA) - School-Based Services Payment Clarifications
 - Maintain the cost-based reimbursement framework with annual cost reporting, RMTS, reconciliation, and settlement; clarify data sources (direct and indirect costs) and the Medicaid allocation ratios used in Georgia.
 - Acknowledge federal options for interim payment (e.g., roster or per-child/per-month) where reconciled to actual cost; clarify that contingency-fee contractor models are not permitted.
- 2) ACE Implementation Plan Update
 - Refresh the RMTS design and operations (participant rosters, calendar intervals, documentation, and error-rate parameters), reinforce training and monitoring, and restate Georgia's two Children's Intervention School Services (CISS) direct-medical cost pools and Medicaid Enrollment Rate (MER)/ Individual Education Plan (IEP) ratio usage.
 - Confirm application of the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE) unrestricted indirect cost rate, and restate unallowable costs, revenue offsets, and claim certification requirements.
 - Reiterate data sources and timelines: October census for MER and IEP ratios; annual cost report due dates; reconciliation and settlement within the established 24-month window.

SFY 2026	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
	\$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 **May 20, 2026 at 11:30 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 before 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 May 27, 2026 to D'Lawren Hicks c/o the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to D'Lawren Hicks dlawren.hicks@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to openrecordsrequest@dch.ga.gov. *Please note that any comments submitted are subject to open records.*

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 **June 11, 2026**, 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 14th DAY OF MAY 2026
Dean Burke, MD, Commissioner