

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

### **Department of Community Health, Medical Assistance Plans, State Plan Amendment: Department of Education (DOE) Direct Nursing Services Proposed Agreement**

Effective on January 1, 2018, and per DCH Final Board approval and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department proposes to reimburse Department of Education, Local Education Authorities for direct nursing services at the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Rate.

The Department estimates that the total increased cost of the proposal would be \$34,637,095.58 (\$34,637,095.58 Federal Funds, \$0 State Funds).

Georgia's Medicaid School- Based Claiming Program consists of a Direct Service Claiming (DSC) Medicaid reimbursement program component. This school-based program will assist participating school districts, referred to as Local Education Agencies (LEAs), including charter schools, by reimbursing them for Medicaid-covered direct services provided to Medicaid students.

The purpose of the Program is to allow LEAs to receive reimbursement for Medicaid-covered direct medical services provided by school nurses to Title XIX and XXI eligible students. The covered services must be primarily medical and not educational in nature. The services must be provided by a qualified provider to children in families that meet Medicaid income eligibility requirements. They must be considered medically necessary for the child. The services can include:

- Providing health/mental health services contained in an Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Medical/health assessment and evaluation as part of the development of an IEP.
- Conducting medical/health assessments/evaluations and diagnostic testing and preparing related reports.
- Providing personal aide services.
- Administering first aid, or prescribed injection or medication to a student.
- Providing direct clinical/treatment services.
- Performing developmental assessments.
- Providing counseling services to treat health, mental health, or substance abuse conditions.
- Developing a treatment plan (medical plan of care) for a student if provided as a medical service.
- Performing routine or mandated child health screens including but not limited to vision, hearing, dental, scoliosis, and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) screens.
- Providing immunizations.
- Activities that are services, or components of services, listed in the state's Medicaid plan.

This public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **December 20, 2017, 10:00 a.m.**, at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5<sup>th</sup> 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 **December 27, 2017**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

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 **January 11, 2018** 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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017**

**Frank W. Berry, Commissioner**