

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.

Update Nursing Home Reimbursement Rates to Include Use of the 2021 General and Professional Liability Insurance Costs

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to change the funding methodology for the general and professional liability insurance cost center of the nursing home reimbursement rates effective February 1, 2022.

This change is estimated to increase total Medicaid expenditures as follows:

	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
SFY 2022	\$198,637	\$400,571	\$599,208
SFY 2023	\$476,730	\$961,369	\$1,438,099

Beginning February 1, 2022, the 2021 general and professional liability costs will be used in the reimbursement rate calculation. The cost report year will be updated at a minimum every two (2) years. During the transition year, the Department will apply a hold harmless provision to the nursing home reimbursement rate. The hold harmless provision will be in effect through June 30, 2022.

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 **January 19, 2022 at 10:30 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 prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **January 26, 2022**, 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 **February 10, 2022 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2022
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner