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.

OUTPATIENT HOSPITAL LAB PAYMENTS

In order to comply with the Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services Upper Payment Limit requirement, effective July 1, 2013, DCH is decreasing Medicaid and PeachCare outpatient hospital rates for lab services so that they are at or below Medicare rates.

This change is estimated to decrease expenditures for SFY 2014 as follows:

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	**($523,777)**	**($180,389)**
Low Income Medicaid	**($109,857)**	**($37,835)**
Peach Care	**($ 4,800)**	**($ 1,148)**

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 **July 3, 2013** at **1:00 p.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 **July 10, 2013** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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 next Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held on **August 8, 2013 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 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2013
David A. Cook, Commissioner