

## 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.

### COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORTS (COMP) WAIVER PROGRAM RATE INCREASE

Pending the DCH Board and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, DCH proposes to amend the COMP waiver in order to permanently increase all service codes by seven (7) percent effective July 1, 2023. The increase will make permanent rate adjustments made in accordance with legislative intent and temporarily enacted through Appendix K provisions during the Public Health Emergency. The increase was administered in a five (5) percent rate increase with a separate two (2) percent increase for a total of seven (7) percent.

#### Rate Increases:

In the 2022 Georgia General Assembly, the COMP waiver funding allocation was increased to reflect a total seven (7) percent across the board rate increase for all services. The increase will be applied as legislated to the amended waiver application across all remaining waiver years. The state match for COMP services resides in the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) budget.

Service Name	Previous Rate	Amended Rate
Additional Staffing Basic	\$4.67	\$5.00
Additional Staffing Enhanced	\$5.01	\$5.37
Adult Dental Services	\$500.00	\$535.50
Adult Occupational Therapy Evaluation - High Complexity	\$67.21	\$71.98
Adult Occupational Therapy Evaluation - Low Complexity	\$67.21	\$71.98
Adult Occupational Therapy Evaluation - Moderate Complexity	\$67.21	\$71.98
Adult Occupational Therapy Re-Evaluation	\$44.40	\$47.55
Adult Occupational Therapy Sensory Integrative Techniques	\$24.46	\$26.19
Adult Occupational Therapy Services	\$28.23	\$30.23
Adult Orthotic and Prosthetic Fitting and Training	\$27.38	\$29.33
Neuro-Muscular Re-Education	\$27.07	\$28.99
Orthotic and Prosthetic Check Out	\$23.39	\$25.05
Prosthetic Training	\$24.98	\$26.75
Adult Physical Therapy Evaluation - High Complexity	\$69.34	\$74.27
Adult Physical Therapy Evaluation - Low Complexity	\$69.34	\$74.27
Adult Physical Therapy Evaluation - Moderate Complexity	\$69.34	\$74.27
Adult Physical Therapy Re-Evaluation	\$47.14	\$50.49
Adult Physical Therapy Therapeutic Procedure	\$25.91	\$27.75
Adult Speech and Language Evaluation	\$163.81	\$175.44
Adult Speech and Language Therapy	\$62.53	\$66.97

Adult Speech Generating Device Evaluation	\$109.28	\$117.03
Adult Speech-Generating Device Therapy	\$54.75	\$58.64
Adult Swallowing/Feeding Evaluation	\$117.54	\$125.89
Adult Swallowing/Feeding Therapy	\$44.66	\$47.83
Behavioral Supports Services - Level 1	\$18.75	\$20.08
Behavioral Supports Services - Level 2	\$23.56	\$25.23
Community Access Group	\$3.10	\$3.33
Community Access Individual	\$7.41	\$7.94
Community Living Support - Basic	\$6.35	\$6.80
Community Living Support - Basic - 2 Person	\$3.49	\$3.74
Community Living Support - Basic - 3 Person	\$2.54	\$2.72
Community Living Support - Extended Services	\$5.74	\$6.15
Community Living Support - Extended Services - 2 Person	\$3.16	\$3.38
Community Living Support - Extended Services - 3 Person	\$2.30	\$2.46
Community Living Support - Personal Assistance Retainer	\$5.74	\$6.15
Community Residential Alternative Services – 3 Person - Tier 1	178.53	\$191.21
Community Residential Alternative Services – 3 Person - Tier 2	235.05	\$251.74
Community Residential Alternative Services – 3 Person - Tier 3	261.48	\$280.04
Community Residential Alternative Services – 3 Person - Tier 4	277.44	\$297.14
Community Residential Alternative Services – 4 Person - Tier 1	154.74	\$165.73
Community Residential Alternative Services – 4 Person - Tier 2	214.80	\$230.05
Community Residential Alternative Services – 4 Person - Tier 3	239.73	\$256.75
Community Residential Alternative Services – 4 Person - Tier 4	254.36	\$272.42
Community Residential Alternative Services – 5 Person	158.67	\$169.93
Community Residential Alternative Services – Host Home – Category 1	149.45	\$160.06
Community Residential Alternative Services – Host Home – Category 2	185.25	\$198.40
Financial Support Services	\$75.00	\$80.33
Intensive Support Coordination	\$461.00	\$493.73
Interpreter Services	\$24.99	\$26.76
Nursing LPN	\$8.75	\$9.37
Nursing RN	\$10.00	\$10.71
Adult Nutrition Evaluation	\$14.89	\$15.94
Adult Nutrition Services	\$14.89	\$15.94
Prevocational Services	\$3.10	\$3.33
Respite Services (In Home) - 1 Member - 15min	\$4.83	\$5.17
Respite Services (In Home) - 2 Members - 15min	\$2.66	\$2.85
Respite Services (In Home) - 3 Members - 15min	\$1.93	\$2.07
Respite Services (Out of Home) - Category 1 - 15min	\$4.83	\$5.17
Respite Services (Out of Home) - Category 2 - 15min	\$4.83	\$5.17
Respite Services (Out of Home) - Category 1 - Daily	\$153.61	\$164.52
Respite Services (Out of Home) - Category 2 - Daily	\$209.51	\$224.39
Support Coordination	\$152.88	\$163.73
Supported Employment Group	\$2.02	\$2.16
Supported Employment Individual	\$8.15	\$8.73

Assistive Technology	\$1,194.96	\$1,279.80
Environmental Accessibility Adaptation	\$10,400.00	\$11,138.00
Individual Directed Goods and Services	\$1,500.00	\$1,606.00
Specialized Medical Equipment	\$5,200.00	\$5,569.00
Specialized Medical Supplies	\$3,800.00	\$4,069.00
Transition Community Integration Services	\$2,500.00	\$2,677.50
Transition Services and Supports	\$20,000.00	\$21,420.00
Transportation	\$2,797.00	\$2,995.00
Vehicle Adaptation Services	\$6,240.00	\$6,683.00

Fiscal Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2024	\$18,145,635	\$35,255,291	\$53,400,926
SFY 2025	\$18,612,205	\$36,161,793	\$54,773,998
SFY 2026	\$19,090,017	\$37,090,139	\$56,180,156

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 **February 15, 2023 at 11:00 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.

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 **March 13, 2023**, 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](mailto: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](mailto:danwilliams@dch.ga.gov). Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **April 13, 2023** 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 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February 2023**  
**Caylee Noggle, Commissioner**