

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.

NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

Pending CMS approval and effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2013 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to modify the payment for nursing facility services by reducing the Construction Cost Index used in the calculation of the fair rental value per diem from a value of 1.0708 to a value of .206.

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

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$(44,683,837)	\$(15,263,999)

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 **October 19 at 11:00 a.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 **October 19, 2012** 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 **November 8, 2012** 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 5th Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 11th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012

David A. Cook, Commissioner