

PUBLIC NOTICE

Vaccine and Vaccine Administration Per Section 1905(a)(4)(E) of the Social Security Act

During the period starting March 11, 2021 and ending on the last day of the first calendar quarter that begins one year after the last day of the emergency period described in section 1135(g)(1)(B) of the Social Security Act, the state assures the following:

Coverage:

1. The state assures coverage of COVID-19 vaccines and administration of the vaccines.
2. The state assures that such coverage:
 - a. Is provided to all eligibility groups covered by the state with the exception of the Medicare Savings Program groups and the COBRA Continuation Coverage group for which medical assistance consists only of payment of premiums; and
 - b. Is provided to beneficiaries without cost sharing pursuant to section 1916(a)(2)(H) and section 1916A(b)(3)(B)(xii) of the Act; reimbursement to qualified providers for such coverage is not reduced by any cost sharing that would otherwise be applicable under the state plan.
3. The state provides coverage for any medically necessary COVID-19 vaccine counseling for children under the age of 21 pursuant to section 1902(a)(11), 1902(a)(43), and 1905(hh) of the Act.
4. The state assures compliance with the HHS COVID-19 PREP Act declarations and authorizations, including all of the amendments to the declaration, with respect to the providers that are considered qualified to prescribe, dispense, administer, deliver and/or distribute COVID-19 vaccines.

Reimbursement:

5. The state's rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines are consistent with Medicare rates for COVID-19 vaccines and the administration of the vaccines, including any future Medicare updates:
 - a. Medicare national average (Currently: Administration Fee of \$40.00 per COVID-19 Vaccine)

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 **June 29, 2023 at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom WebEx 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 **July 6, 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 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9th DAY OF JUNE 2023

Caylee Noggle, Commissioner