

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.

PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTFs)

Effective for services provided on and after January 1, 2011, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to make the following changes to Medicaid reimbursement for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF):

1. Improve rate accuracy by utilizing 2008 cost reports based on audited financial results;
2. Implement the utilization adjustment factor from 90% to 80% to tie rates more closely to bed utilization rather than bed capacity and for rates to better reflect ongoing fluctuations in bed occupancy.
3. Include inflation factors through June 30, 2011.

These changes are made for the purpose of improving rate accuracy and are estimated to reduce budget spending in the total amount of \$2,040,363 (State match by Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities of \$510,907) from January – June, 2011.

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 **November 3, 2010**, 2:00 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 **November 5, 2010**, 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 18, 2010**, 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 14th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2010

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