

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.

MEDICAID RATE INCREASE FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND PHYSICAL THERAPY PROVIDERS IN THE CHILDREN'S INTERVENTION SERVICES (CIS) PROGRAM

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to increase certain occupational and physical therapy service codes to 80% of the Calendar Year 2014 Medicare fee schedule. The rate increase is for providers participating in the Children's Intervention Services (CIS) Program and is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

The services eligible for the payment increase are billed under the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) and are presented on the following page.

This change is estimated to increase annual Medicaid CIS expenditures for SFY 2017 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid	\$6,213,110	\$4,213,110	\$2,000,000
Low Income Medicaid	\$2,331,296	\$1,584,071	\$747,225
Total	\$8,544,406	\$5,797,181	\$2,747,225

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 **April 19, 2016** 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 **April 26, 2016**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966.

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 **May 12, 2016**, 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 APRIL, 2016

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner

**Children's Intervention Services Program
Occupational and Physical Therapy Practitioner Rate Increase for FY 2017
Increase to 80% of Calendar Year 2014 Medicare Fee Schedule**

CODE	Description of Service	Current Medicaid	Rate Effective July 1, 2016 (Upon CMS Approval)	Change
97001	Physical Therapy Evaluation	\$52.99	\$60.96	15%
97002	Physical Therapy Re-Evaluation	\$25.06	\$34.23	37%
97003	Occupational Therapy Evaluation	\$52.99	\$68.49	29%
97004	Occupational Therapy Re-Evaluation	\$24.74	\$42.92	73%
97110	Therapeutic Exercises 15 Minutes	\$20.07	\$25.91	29%
97112	Therapeutic Exercises 15 Minutes Neuromuscular Re-Education	\$21.03	\$27.07	29%
97116	Therapeutic Exercises 15 Minutes Gait Training Re-Education	\$18.85	\$23.03	22%
97140	Manual Therapy 15 Minutes	\$22.97	\$24.18	5%
97530	Therapeutic Activity Direct Point Contact 15 Minutes	\$19.76	\$28.23	43%
97533*	Sensory Integrative Techniques 15 Minutes	\$24.46	\$24.46	0%
97535	Self-Care/Home Management Training 15 Minutes	\$21.67	\$28.23	30%

**Rate held at current Medicaid since the rate at 80% of 2014 Medicare would result in a decrease.*