

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205 and § 441.304, 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 PERSONAL SUPPORT SERVICES IN THE INDEPENDENT CARE WAIVER 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 reimbursement for personal support services provided in the Independent Care Waiver Program (ICWP) to match rates paid in the Community Care Services Program (CCSP) and Service Options Using Resources in a Community Environment (SOURCE) waiver programs. The rate increase is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

This change is estimated to increase ICWP expenditures for SFY 2017 as follows:

| <u>Program</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>State</u> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid | \$11,725,325 | \$3,774,832 |

The proposed rate increase applies to the following codes:

| Procedure Code | Modifier | Description | Current Rate | Rate Effective July 1, 2016 |
|----------------|----------|--|--------------|-----------------------------|
| T2025 | U5 | Personal Support Level I | \$11.76/hour | \$17.96/hour |
| T2025 | U5 TF | Personal Support Level II | \$13.76/hour | \$17.96/hour |
| T2025 | U5 TG | Personal Support Level III | \$15.76/hour | \$20.20/hour |
| T2025 | U5 U1 | Traumatic Brain injury (TBI) Personal Support Level I | \$11.76/hour | \$17.96/hour |
| T2025 | U5 U1/TF | TBI Personal Support Level II | \$13.76/hour | \$17.96/hour |
| T2025 | U5 U1/TG | TBI Personal Support Level III | \$15.76/hour | \$20.20/hour |

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office and at www.dch.georgia.gov/waivers. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **April 27, 2016** 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. 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 **May 13, 2016** 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 **June 9, 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