

Board of Community Health
Meeting
May 12, 2016

Members Present

Norman Boyd
Roger Folsom
Michael Kleinpeter
Russ Childers
Allana Cummings
Anthony Williamson
Mark Trail
Russell Crutchfield

Members Absent

Donna Thomas Moses

The Board of Community Health held its regularly scheduled meeting at the Department of Community Health (DCH), Fifth Floor Board Room, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia. Commissioner Clyde L. Reese, III was also present. (An agenda and a List of Attendees are attached hereto and made official parts of these Minutes as Attachments #1 and #2). Chairman Norman Boyd presided and called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Minutes

The Minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

Opening Comments

Chairman Boyd welcomed new Board member, Russell Crutchfield. Mr. Crutchfield has a background in Public Health and service to the state. Mr. Crutchfield is also on the administrative staff at West Georgia University.

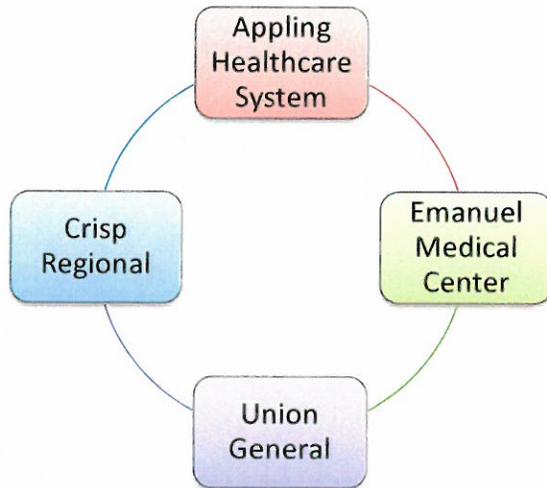
Committee Reports

Roger Folsom, Policy Committee Chairman shared the following topics of discussion from their meeting:

Guest speaker, Patricia Whaley, Executive Director, State Office of Rural Health presented to the Committee an overview of the following:

- Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee (RHSC)

- Four pilot sites:



Commissioner Reese noted the following:

- There has been approximately 18 months of experience with the four pilot projects.
- The current sites will complete their work by December 31, 2016.
- There is \$3 million in the FY17 budget for four new sites. The four new pilot sites will be announced by the RHSC.

Commissioner’s Report

Commissioner Reese thanked the Board, members of the public and staff for their attendance.

Commissioner Reese updated the Board on the following items:

1. Procurement-New Care Management Organizations (CMOs)



- Administrative protest period: Three unselected parties filed protests with the Department of Administrative Services (DOAS). A lengthy initial review was

completed and the decision from DOAS denied the protests and upheld the Department's decision.

- The second step is an appeal directly to Sid Johnson, DOAS Commissioner. A hearing was held on May 4, 2016 for the parties to present oral arguments. Mr. Johnson will issue a final administrative decision.
- The parties will have 30 days to determine if they want to petition the Superior Court for a judicial review of the administrative decision.
- In order to avoid a rushed transition and implementation particularly with a new vendor included and no disruption in services to the low income Medicaid population, the Department exercised the use of the six month extension, with a contract start date of January 1, 2017.

If protestors decide to petition the Superior Court, the Department will decide if a second six month extension will be utilized, with a contract start date of July 1, 2017.

2. New Board Member:

Commissioner Reese welcomed new Board member, Russell Crutchfield. Mr. Crutchfield has a tremendous amount of experience in state government and will be a positive addition to the Board.

Russell Crutchfield expressed that he is honored to be on this journey and thanked the Board for this opportunity.

John Upchurch, Director of Reimbursement, briefed the Board on the request for final adoption of the Public Notice on the Medicaid Nursing Home Services Rate Increase. The General Assembly appropriated \$35,104,070 total funds and \$11,300,000 in state funds for a 3% inflationary increase to 2012 cost reports for State Fiscal Year 2017. DCH proposes to implement this increase effective July 1, 2016 for those nursing homes currently paid based on their 2012 cost report. This action requires approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 19, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Oral comment was provided by the Georgia Healthcare Association (GHCA). GHCA thanked the General Assembly and the DCH Board for the increase in reimbursement for Georgia's skilled nursing facilities and indicated their support for the public notice. Written comments were accepted on or before April 26, 2016. No written comments were received during this period. Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Roger Folsom MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid Nursing Home Services Rate Increase Public Notice. Michael Kleinpeter SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid Nursing Home Services Rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #3).

Mr. Upchurch next briefed the Board on the request for final adoption of the Public Notice on the Medicaid and PeachCare Physician Rate Increase for Primary Care. For State Fiscal Year 2017, the General Assembly appropriated \$84,502,275 in total funds and \$26,503,397 in state funds to continue to move towards restoration of the rate increase to those physicians and physician extenders who qualified for and received the Primary Care rate increase under the Affordable Care Act in 2013 and 2014. The increase is funded for 32 service codes, at 100% of 2014 Medicare.

This change is to be effective July 1, 2016 and is subject to approval by CMS.

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 19, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. No oral comments were received. Written comments were accepted on or before April 26, 2016. One written comment was received from the Patient-Centered Physician Coalition of Georgia which represents over 9,000 physicians in Georgia. They indicated their enthusiastic support of the rate increase and asked the DCH Board to approve the Public Notice and move forward with timely implementation. Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid and PeachCare Physician Rate Increase for Primary Care Public Notice. Michael Kleinpeter SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid Physician Rate Increase for Primary Care Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #4).

Mr. Upchurch next briefed the Board on the request for final adoption of the Public Notice on the Medicaid Physician Rate Increase for Obstetrical and Gynecological Care. For FY 2017, the General Assembly appropriated \$10,757,532 in total funds and \$3,463,925 in state funds for an increase in the rates for certain services provided by OB/GYN physicians. The increase is funded for 24 service codes, at 100% of 2014 Medicare. This change is to be effective July 1, 2016.

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 19, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in

the 5th Floor Board Room. No oral comments were received. Written comments were accepted on or before April 26, 2016. One written comment was received from the

Patient-Centered Physician Coalition of Georgia which represents over 9,000 physicians in Georgia. They indicated their enthusiastic support of the rate increase and asked the DCH Board to approve the Public Notice and move forward with timely implementation. Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Allana Cummings MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid Physician Rate Increase for Obstetrics and Gynecology Public Notice. Roger Folsom SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Physician Rate Increase for Obstetrics and Gynecology Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #5).

Mr. Upchurch then briefed the Board on the request for final adoption of the Public Notice on the establishment of a Medicaid Newborn Delivery Add-On for Rural Hospitals. The General Assembly appropriated \$1,203,500 in total funds and \$387,407 in state funds to establish a \$250 add-on payment for each newborn delivery for hospitals in rural counties with a population of less than 35,000. This increase impacts 19 rural hospitals. This change is to be effective July 1, 2016 and is subject to approval by CMS.

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 19, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before April 26, 2016. No oral or written comments were received during this period. Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid Newborn Delivery Fee Add-on Payment for Rural Hospitals Public Notice. Mark Trail SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Newborn Delivery Fee Add-on Payment for Rural Hospitals Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #6).

Marcey Alter, Assistant Chief of Medicaid for Policy and Provider Services, presented the Public Notice for a 3% rate increase to Mechanical Ventilation services provided in a nursing facility to the Board for final adoption.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2016
- Cost Impact: \$295,250 Total Funds; \$95,041 State Funds (*Fee-for-Service only*)

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 19, 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. Written comments were accepted on or before April 26, 2016. No oral or written comments were received during this period. Ms. Alter respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Specialized Nursing Home Ventilator Care Rate Increase Public Notice. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Specialized Nursing Home Ventilator Care Rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #7).

Ms. Alter then presented the Children's Intervention Services (CIS) Program, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Rate Increase Public Notice to the Board for final adoption. The Public Notice established the new rates at 80% of the 2014 Medicare Rates.

- Effective Date: July 1, 2016
- Cost Impact: SFY 2017 Total \$2,697,045, State Share \$374,458

An opportunity for public comment was 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. One oral comment was received. Ms. Alter relayed that one spokesperson, a representative of Georgia Occupational Therapy Association and the Tri-Alliance of Pediatric Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Therapy, had commented at the public hearing in favor of the increase. Written comments were accepted on or before April 26, 2016. Two written comments were received.

The first from the Georgia Occupational Therapy Association, Inc., wrote in support of and with appreciation for the increase. The Association expressed concern about the seeming disparity in certain evaluation procedure because currently those codes are reimbursed at the same rate under both the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy programs. They requested reconsideration by DCH to raise the rates under Physical Therapy to be equal to the rates proposed under Occupational Therapy, but not at the expense of a delay in the increase.

Ms. Alter explained that a second written comment from the Physical Therapy Association of Georgia, Inc., also relayed thanks and appreciation for the increase, but requested increased rates for the two evaluation codes where there was no longer parity with the Occupational Therapy rate for like codes. They believed this would be important for provider retention.

The DCH Board asked if Medicaid made the changes requested. Ms. Alter answered no, that was a decision of the Board. The Board then asked what then was the recommendation being made?

Ms. Alter explained that as currently proposed, there was a standardized rate methodology applied to generate all the rates and in requesting the necessary State Plan Amendment to adjust the rates, it would be challenging to argue the use of multiple reimbursement methodologies. The Board asked if the Legislative Appropriation specifically cited the reference to 80% of 2014 Medicare rates. Ms. Alter answered she believed it did. *As a point of clarification, House Bill 751 does not indicate the increase is based in the 80% of 2014 Medicare rates.* Ms. Alter respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Children's Intervention Services (CIS) Program, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Rate Increase Public Notice. Roger Folsom SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Children's Intervention Services (CIS) Program, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #8).

Heather Bond, Assistant Chief, Regulatory Services and Compliance, presented the Advanced Life Support Emergency Ambulance Transport Rate Increase Public Notice to the Board for final adoption. Pending CMS approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing a seven percent rate increase for advanced life support emergency ambulance transport. The rate increase is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

The transport service eligible for the payment increase is billed under the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) as A0427:

Code		Current Medicaid	Proposed Rate Effective July 1, 2017*
A0427	Ambulance Advanced Life Support, Emergency Transport, Level 1	\$303.67	\$324.93
*Effective Upon Approval by CMS			

This change is estimated to increase Medicaid emergency ambulance expenditures for SFY 2017 as follows:

Program	Total	Federal	State
Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid	\$1,970,531.00	\$785,695.60	\$372,976.60
Low Income Medicaid	\$811,858.80	\$550,521.40	\$261,337.40
Total	\$1,970,531.00	\$1,336,217.00	\$634,314.00

The last rate adjustment for this code occurred in SFY 2005. The proposed rate increase is subject to the Governor's approval of the FY 2017 budget and the approval by CMS.

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 22, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the 5th Floor Board Room. No oral comments were received. Written comments were accepted on or before April 29, 2016. One written comment was received from the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (GAEMS) in favor of the increase. Ms. Bond respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Allana Cummings MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Advanced Life Support Emergency Ambulance Transport Rate Increase Public Notice. Mark Trail SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Advanced Life Support Emergency Ambulance Transport Rate Increase Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #9).

Ms. Bond next presented the Medicaid Rate Setting for Safe to Sleep Agreement with the Department of Public Health (DPH) Public Notice to the Board for final adoption. DPH and DCH, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and PeachCare), propose a contractual partnership to provide Medicaid mothers with newborn infants with bassinets and gowns to reduce Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDS).

DPH and DCH request to partner to provide safe to sleep bassinets approved by DPH to increase the likelihood of a safe sleep environment, and safe sleep behaviors by Medicaid and PeachCare mothers, thus decreasing the likelihood of SUIDS.

FFY2016	DPH State Dollar	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (50% FFP)	\$ 239,010.50	\$ 239,010.50
Chip (100% FFP)	\$0	\$518.00
Total	\$239,010.50	\$239,528.50
Contract Total FFY2016: \$478,539.00		

FFY2017	DPH State Dollar	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (50% FFP)	\$ 956,042.00	\$ 956,042.00
Chip (100% FFP)	\$0	\$2,072.00
Total	\$956,042.00	\$958,114.00
Contract Total FFY2017: \$1,914,156.00		

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Russell Crutchfield MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid Rate Setting for Safe to Sleep Agreement with DPH Public Notice. Michael Kleinpeter SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid Rate Setting for Safe to Sleep Agreement with DPH Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #10).

Ms. Bond next presented the Medicaid Rate Setting for Early Intervention Special Instructors Administrative Contract with DPH Public Notice to the Board for final adoption. DPH and DCH, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and PeachCare), propose to establish a 50 percent Federal Medicaid Funds match on allowable Medicaid-related costs associated with the provision of Babies Can't Wait Special Instruction services (as specified at 34 CFR 303.13b) to support Medicaid beneficiaries receiving Babies Can't Wait Special Instruction Services.

Special Instruction is provided for infants and children up to 3 to assess and treat 5 developmental domains.

SFY2017	SFY2017
DPH State Dollars:	\$ 675,721.00
DCH Medicaid Claimable Costs:	\$ 675,721.00
Contract Total FFY2017: \$1,351,442.00	

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the 5th Floor Board Room. Written comments were accepted on or before April 29, 2016. No oral or written comments were received during this period. Ms. Bond respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid Rate Setting for Early Intervention Special Instructors Administrative Contract with DPH Public Notice. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid Rate Setting for Early Intervention Special Instructors Administrative Contract with DPH Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #11).

Ms. Bond next presented the Medicaid Rate Setting for Pharmacy Telemedicine Originating Site Fee and Vaccine Administration Fee Public Notice to the Board for final adoption. DCH, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and PeachCare) respectfully request consideration of allowing Pharmacies to serve as Telemedicine Origination Sites, and reimbursement at 84.645% of the 2012 Medicare fee schedule.

Originating site means the location of an eligible Medicaid beneficiary at the time the service being furnished via a telecommunications system occurs. The services are furnished to a beneficiary at an originating site, which is any Georgia Medicaid enrolled pharmacy with the technological capacity to provide Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act (HIPAA) compliant telemedicine services. Originating sites are billed as HCPCs code Q3014.

DCH, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and PeachCare) respectfully request consideration of allowing pharmacists to administer vaccines at an administration fee of \$10 per injection administered. Vaccines will be reimbursed at Average Sales Price (ASP) plus 6% as defined by the quarterly CMS ASP file.

FFY2016	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (67.55% FFP)	\$ 13,861
CHIP (100% FFP)	\$ 0
Total \$ 13,861	

FFY2017	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (67.89% FFP)	\$ 33,434
CHIP (100% FFP)	\$ 0
Total \$ 33,434	

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 20, 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. No oral comments were received. Written comments were accepted on or before April 27, 2016. One written comment was received from the Georgia Pharmacy Association in favor of the increase. Ms. Bond respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid Rate Setting for Pharmacy Telemedicine Originating Site Fee and Vaccine Administration Fee Public Notice. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid Rate Setting for Pharmacy Telemedicine Originating Site Fee and Vaccine Administration Fee Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #12).

Ms. Bond then presented the Medicaid Rate Setting for Emergency Ambulance Telemedicine Origination Site Public Notice to the Board for final adoption.

DCH, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and PeachCare) respectfully request consideration of allowing emergency ambulances to serve as Telemedicine Origination Sites, and reimbursement at 84.645% of the 2012 Medicare fee schedule.

Originating site means the location of an eligible Medicaid beneficiary at the time the service being furnished via a telecommunications system occurs. The services are furnished to a beneficiary at an originating site, which is any Georgia Medicaid enrolled provider with the technological capacity to provide HIPAA compliant telemedicine services. Originating sites are billed as HCPCs code Q3014.

FFY2016	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (67.55% FFP)	\$ 139,791
CHIP (100% FFP)	\$ 0
Total \$ 139,791	

FFY2017	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (67.89% FFP)	\$ 205,884
CHIP (100% FFP)	\$ 0
Total \$ 205,884	

An opportunity for public comment was held on April 20, 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. No oral comments were received. Written comments were accepted on or before April 27, 2016. One written comments was received from the Georgia Association of Emergency Medical Services (GAEMS) during this period. Ms. Bond respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of final adoption.

Russell Crutchfield MADE a MOTION to approve for final adoption Medicaid Rate Setting for Emergency Ambulance Telemedicine Origination Site Public Notice. Allana Cummings SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Medicaid Rate Setting for Emergency Ambulance Telemedicine Origination Site Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #13).

John Upchurch, Director of Reimbursement, briefed the Board on the request for initial adoption of the Public Notice for the expansion of the physician Upper Payment Limit (UPL) supplemental payment program. The Department is proposing to expand the physician UPL program to make it available to physician practices affiliated with any of the 25 teaching hospitals in Georgia and also to include mid-level and other providers such as Nurse Practitioners, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs), Physician Assistants, Certified Nurse Midwives (CNMs), Clinical Social Workers (CSWs), Clinical Psychologists, Optometrists, and Dentists.

Participation in the Physician UPL program would continue to be voluntary and contingent upon the eligible physician practice securing a commitment from a Hospital Authority, or other government body, to make an intergovernmental transfer (IGT) of funds to the Department to finance the state share of the UPL payment. The Department estimates that the total increase in UPL funds available to eligible physician practices would be \$5,471,064 (\$5,471,064 Federal Funds, \$0 State Funds).

An opportunity for public comment will be held on May 17, 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. Written comments are accepted on or before May 24, 2016. Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Expansion of the Physician Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Supplemental Payment Program Public Notice. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Expansion of the Physician Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Supplemental Payment Program Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #14).

Mr. Upchurch then briefed the Board on the request for initial adoption of the Public Notice for an increase in the payment rate of the Office visit procedure code 99202 to 100% of CY2014 Medicare for OB/GYNs. This procedure code was inadvertently omitted from the May 2016 initial public notice for the Medicaid physician rate increase for OB/GYNs. The fee increase is to be effective July 1, 2016 and is not projected to have a fiscal impact.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on May 19, 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. Written comments are accepted on or before May 26, 2016. Mr. Upchurch respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Allana Cummings MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Physician Rate Increase for Obstetrics and Gynecology Office Visit Code 99202 Public Notice. Roger Folsom SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Physician Rate Increase for Obstetrics and Gynecology Office Visit Code 99202 Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #15).

Heather Bond, Assistant Chief, Regulatory Services and Compliance, presented the Title V and Title XIX Agreement with the Department of Public Health Public Notice to the Board for initial adoption. 42 CFR 431.615 requires that the State Title XIX, Medical Assistance Plans State Plan include written cooperative agreements with the Title V grantees, the Department of Public Health.

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to ensure that Title V recipients eligible for Medicaid receive services with particular emphasis on EPSDT services. 34 CFR Part 303, Early Intervention Program for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities requires coordination, cooperation, and prevents unnecessary duplication with Title XIX in several areas including: (a) comprehensive child find system; (b) all available resources; (c) non-substitution of funds; and (d) non-reduction of benefits.

This rate would be effective upon CMS State Plan Amendment approval.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on May 17, 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. Written comments are accepted on or before May 24, 2016. Ms. Bond respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of initial adoption.

Mark Trail MADE a MOTION to approve for initial adoption Title V and Title XIX Agreement with the Department of Public Health Public Notice. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0,

and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Title V and Title XIX Agreement with the Department of Public Health Public Notice is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #16).

Stefanie Papps, Budget Director, presented an Integrated Eligibility System (IES) Bond Resolution for FY 2017 to the Board. The resolution would approve and authorize the Georgia State Finance and Investment Commission (GSFIC) to sell \$3 million in General Obligation bonds on behalf of the Department of Community Health (DCH). The State of Georgia Fiscal Year 2017 Appropriations Act earmarked \$3 million in General Obligation bonds to be used by DCH to complete funding the design, development, and implementation of the new integrated eligibility system, Georgia Gateway.

GSFIC is the state agency which schedules and sells general obligation bonds, disburses the money collected on the bonds, and manages projects that receive bond funds. GSFIC requires all state agencies needing bonds sold on their behalf to have their governing board pass a standard resolution approving and authorizing the sale of the bonds and to abide by GSFIC's terms and conditions.

The presentation provided a brief overview of the Georgia Gateway project. The system will serve as a single point of entry to allow seamless eligibility processing for Georgians requesting assistance and support from Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids®, as well as other state assistance programs. Georgia Gateway will replace existing systems (SUCCESS, Compass, and the Client Registration System) currently managed by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

The federal government is providing 90 percent of the funding for the design, development, and implementation of the new system, and the state is providing the remaining 10 percent of the funds required. In May 2012, the DCH Board approved the sale of \$10 million in bonds to initiate this multi-year initiative. This \$3 million in bonds represents the additional state portion of funds necessary to complete the project in Fiscal Year 2017. Ms. Papps respectfully asked for the Board's favorable consideration of the Integrated Eligibility System (IES) Bond Resolution for FY 2017.

Russ Childers MADE a MOTION to approve the Integrated Eligibility System (IES) Bond Resolution for FY 2017. Russell Crutchfield SECONDED the MOTION. ON THE MOTION, the yeas were 8, nays 0, abstained 0, and the MOTION was APPROVED. (A copy of the Integrated Eligibility System (IES) Bond Resolution for FY 2017 is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes as Attachment #17).

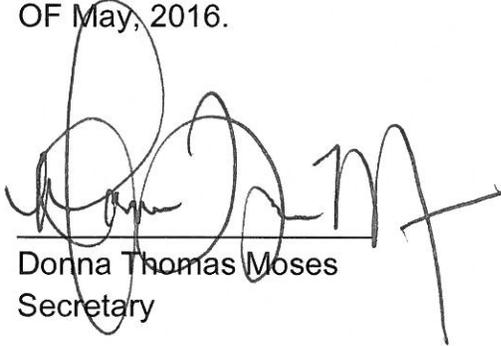
New Business/Closing Comments

None to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Chairman Norman Boyd adjourned the meeting at 11:11 a.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS THE 12th DAY OF May, 2016.



Donna Thomas Moses
Secretary



Norman Boyd
Chairman

Official Attachments:

- #1 List of Attendees
- #2 Agenda
- #3 Nursing Home Services Rate Increase Public Notice
- #4 Physician Rate Increase for Primary Care Public Notice
- #5 Physician Rate Increase for Obstetrics and Gynecology Public Notice
- #6 Newborn Delivery Fee Add-on Payment for Rural Hospitals Public Notice
- #7 Specialized Nursing Home Ventilator Care Rate Increase Public Notice
- #8 Children's Intervention Services (CIS) Program, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Rate Increase Public Notice
- #9 Advanced Life Support Emergency Ambulance Transport Rate Increase Public Notice
- #10 Medicaid Rate Setting for Safe to Sleep Agreement with the Department of Public Health Public Notice
- #11 Medicaid Rate Setting for Early Intervention Special Instructors Administrative Contract with the Department of Public Health (DPH) Public Notice

- #12 Medicaid Rate Setting for Pharmacy Telemedicine Originating Site Fee and Vaccine Administration Fee Public Notice
- #13 Medicaid Rate Setting for Emergency Ambulance Telemedicine Origination Site Public Notice
- #14 Expansion of the Physician Upper Payment Limit (UPL) Supplemental Payment Program Public Notice
- #15 Physician Rate Increase for Obstetrics and Gynecology Office Visit Code 99202 Public Notice
- #16 Title V and Title XIX Agreement with the Department of Public Health Public Notice
- #17 Integrated Eligibility System (IES) Bond Resolution for FY 2017