

## 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 Setting for Early Intervention Special Instructors Administrative Contract with the Department of Public Health**

The Department of Public Health and the Department of Community Health, 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.

DPH utilizes contracted and employed providers to deliver special instruction services to meet the early intervention needs of children ages 0 to 3 years. The Babies Can't Wait program is administered by DPH in partnership with direct service providers, and is available to Georgians ages 0 to 3 years in need of assistance, including Medicaid beneficiaries.

Special Instruction is provided for infants and children up to age 3 to assess and treat 5 developmental domains. The 5 domains include physical (reaching, rolling, crawling, and walking); cognitive (thinking, learning, solving problems); communication (talking, listening, understanding); social/emotional (playing, feeling secure and happy); and, self-help (eating, dressing). During sessions, Special Instructors work with children (and their families) on behaviors, following directions, attending to tasks, and specific areas of concern for each child.

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

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

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 22, 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 29, 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 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016**

**Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner**