

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.

EMERGENCY AIR AMBULANCE FOR ADULTS

Pending CMS approval and effective for services provided on or after March 14, 2014, the Department is proposing to provide reimbursement for medically necessary emergency air ambulance services to Medicaid Adults (21 years of age and older). Item 86.20 was included in the state appropriations bill for SFY 2014 and requires that the Department provide medically necessary emergency transportation of Medicaid members 21 years of age and older by rotary wing air ambulance at the ground ambulance rate.

This change is estimated to increase expenditures for SFY 2014 and SFY 2015 as follows:

<u>Program SFY 2014</u>	<u>Totals Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$17,425	\$5,592
Low Income Medicaid	\$6,445	\$2,202
<u>Program SFY 2015</u>	<u>Totals Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$69,701	\$23,071
Low Income Medicaid	\$25,780	\$8,533

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 **March 20, 2014 at 1:00pm**, 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 **March 27, 2014** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301.

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 **April 10, 2014** 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 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2014
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