

## 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.

### Georgia Pediatric Program (Medically Fragile Daycare)

Effective for Georgia Pediatric Program Medically Fragile Daycare services provided on and after January 1, 2014, and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department is proposing an alternative method of payment for Medically Fragile Daycare services.

With the implementation of the renewal of the 1915(c) waiver for the Georgia Pediatric Program's Medically Fragile Daycare service, the Department must modify the service definition and methodology for payment related to the existing Medically Fragile Daycare Program. The revised Medically Fragile Daycare service definition includes assistance with acquisition, retention, or improvement in self-help, socialization and adaptive behavior. Medically Fragile Daycare service is focused on enabling the participant to attain or maintain the child's maximum functional level and shall be coordinated with any physical, occupational, or speech therapies in the approved Plan of Care. Transportation to and from the daycare facility is now included in the service definition and rate.

The Georgia Pediatric Program Medically Fragile Daycare is authorized based on medical necessity for either a full or half day. A full day is defined as five (5) hours or more of service per day. A half day is defined as less than five (5) hours of service per day. The full day rate is proposed at \$248 per member per day, and the half-day rate is proposed at \$124 per member per half day.

This change is estimated to increase Medically Fragile Daycare expenditures for the initial year of authorization as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$553,376	\$190,583

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 **August 21, 2013**, at 1pm, 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 **August 28, 2013**, 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 **September 12, 2013**, 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 8<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2013**  
**Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner**