

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.

Elderly and Disabled Waiver (E&D) Rate Increase for an Adjustment to Home Delivered Meal Rates

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department proposes to increase the rate of reimbursement for home delivered meals provided to Medicaid members enrolled in the Elderly and Disabled Home and Community-Based Services Waiver.

The State Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act, House Bill 44, provides for state general funds in the amount of \$250,000 to leverage an increase in the rate of reimbursement for home delivered meals. The current rate of reimbursement per meal is \$6.58. The total value of the funds available including federal match is \$793,650.79 and equates to a \$0.16 (sixteen cents) increase in the rate per meal to \$6.74. The procedure code by which home delivered meals are billed is S5170.

These changes are estimated to increase Medicaid expenditures for SFY 2018 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>State</u>
Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid	\$793,650.79	\$543,650.79	\$250,000

In accordance with the Home and Community Services Settings Rule, substantive changes to waiver programs require a minimum public comment period of 30 days. 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 **May 2, 2017** 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. 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 18, 2017**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, danwilliams@dch.ga.gov. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **June 8, 2017** 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 APRIL, 2017

Frank W. Berry, Commissioner