

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.

HOSPITAL SERVICES

Act 1 of the 2013 Georgia General Assembly, known as the Hospital Medicaid Financing Program Act, added new Article 6C authorizing an additional provider payment program on hospitals, or a subclass of hospitals. Therefore, effective for inpatient and outpatient hospital services provided between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2017, the Department is proposing to establish supplemental Medicaid payments to recognize inpatient and outpatient hospital services delivered to Medicaid beneficiaries in certain private and non-State government hospitals under the States' Medicaid fee-for-service program. The Medicaid supplemental inpatient and outpatient hospital payments made to private hospitals will also take into account certain specialized services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries such as organ transplants, breast or cancer services, psychiatric services, services with high Medicaid acuity, and telemedicine services. The Medicaid supplemental inpatient and outpatient hospital payments made to non-State government hospitals will also take into account certain specialized services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries such as nursery services and telemedicine services.

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

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$ 59,813,049	\$ 18,785,971
Low Income Medicaid	\$ 13,170,498	\$ 4,136,565
PeachCare	\$ 0	\$ 0

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 **July 3, 2013 at 1:00 p.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 **July 10, 2013** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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 next Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held on **August 8, 2013 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 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2013

David A. Cook, Commissioner