

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.

NURSING FACILITY SERVICES

Pending CMS approval and effective for services provided on or after July 1, 2012 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to modify the payment for nursing facility services as follows:

- The 2010 cost report, using the reporting format, underlying instructions and methodology established by the Department, will be used to determine a facility's allowable cost that will be the basis for computing a rate.
- The nursing facility provider fee will increase to the maximum allowed by federal regulations to assist with covering costs associated with updating nursing facility cost reports from the 2009 cost reports to the 2010 cost reports.
- The fair rental value RSMeans cost per square foot value will be updated to correspond to the FY 2013 State appropriation.

These changes are estimated to increase nursing facility expenditures for SFY 2013 as follows:

Program	Totals Funds	State Funds
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	\$15,921,560	\$5,459,503

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 **April 18, 2012 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 **April 25, 2012** 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 **May 10, 2012** 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 12th DAY OF APRIL, 2012
David A. Cook, Commissioner