

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.

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES (CMHS)

Effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2009, and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department of Community Health is proposing to make the following change to Medicaid reimbursement for Community Mental Health Services.

Providers of Community Mental Health Services will be reimbursed fee-for-service rates based on:

- Practitioner type;
- Service costs (salaries, fringe benefits, allocable direct and appropriate indirect costs);
- Location of services (in-clinic and out-of-clinic); and
- Productivity factors.

The purpose of this change is to more accurately match payments to the level of service being provided. This change is estimated to be budget neutral.

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 **May 12, 2009**, 10:00 a.m., at the Department of Community Health (2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303) in the Fifth 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 29, 2009**, 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 **June 11, 2009** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at the **June 11, 2009** 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 Fifth Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 1st DAY OF MAY, 2009

Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner