

## 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.

### ALTERNATIVE LIVING SERVICES (ALS) COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PROGRAM (CCSP)

Effective for dates of service on and after April 1, 2005, the Department is proposing to make the following changes to the Community Care Services Program (CCSP), Alternative Living Services (ALS), as follows:

- Increase procedure code Y3617 by \$4.00 per day, resulting in a new daily rate of \$35.04.
- Increase procedure code Y3625 by \$4.00 per day, resulting in a new daily rate of \$35.04.

The purpose of these changes is to compensate ALS providers for additional costs incurred in providing ALS services. These changes are budgeted to cost an additional \$1,754,310 annually in total funds and \$691,900 in state funds.

The public notice is available for review at each county Department of Family and Children Services office. Citizens wishing to comment in writing on the proposed changes should do so before May 12, 2005, to the Board of Community Health, P. O. Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

Comments so 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.

An opportunity for public comment will be held on May 12, 2005, in conjunction with the May meeting of the Board of Community Health. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Persons who wish to give public comment may register to do so prior to May 12, 2005, by calling (404) 656-4479. The Board will vote on the proposed changes after comments have been received. The May Board meeting will be held at the 20<sup>th</sup> Floor Floyd Room, West Tower, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2005.

**Tim Burgess, Commissioner**