

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.

REDUCE FUNDS FOR MEDICAID AND PEACHCARE REIMBURSEMENT BY 0.5% FOR ALL PROVIDERS EXCLUDING HOSPITALS, SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES, FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS, RURAL HEALTH CLINICS AND HOSPICE

Effective for dates of service on and after July 1, 2011, and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department is proposing to decrease reimbursement rates for the above-referenced providers by 0.5% for Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids programs.

The purpose of these changes is to implement Sections 93.5, 94.4 and 95.3 of HB 78 and more closely align provider reimbursement with available revenue.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>	<u>State Funds</u>
Provider Rate Reductions	(\$15,355,423)	(\$5,078,579)

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 **June 28, 2011**, 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 **June 30, 2011**, 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 **July 14, 2011** 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 9th DAY OF June, 2011

David A. Cook, Commissioner