

## 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.

### CHANGES TO DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE HOSPITAL (DSH) ALLOCATIONS

The changes in DSH allocation methods are estimated to be budget neutral inasmuch as the non-federal share is funded through intergovernmental transfers (IGTs). Effective for DSH payment adjustments made on or after July 1, 2011, the Department of Community Health is proposing to make the following changes to Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments.

- 1) Phase out of blending of the current DSH payment year with the 2007 DSH payment according to the following schedule:
  - a) Small Rural Pool
    - i) FY 2012 - 75% of current year with 25% of 2007
    - ii) FY 2013 - 100% of current year
  - b) Non-Small Rural Pool
    - i) FY 2012 – 100% of current year
- 2) Phase in of newly eligible hospitals
  - a) FY 2012 – 50% of calculated payment
  - b) FY 2013 – 75% of calculated payment
  - c) FY 2014 – 100% of calculated payment

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 7, 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 **July 7, 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 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2011**

David A. Cook, Commissioner