## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **INCREASE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SELECT OPTOMETRIC CODES**

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.

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to increase reimbursement rates for select Optometric codes by 10%.

For FY 2025, the General Assembly through HB916 appropriated total funds of \$1,153,453 (State funds \$392,174) to increase reimbursement rates by ten percent (10%) for the following programs and codes.

Program	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD)	\$64,946	\$126,075	\$191,021
Low Income Medicaid (LIM)	\$327,226	\$635,204	\$962,430

СРТ			Rate with
Codes	Description	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>10% Increase</b>
92004	Ophth Medical XM&Eval Compre New PT 1/>VST	\$90.69	\$99.76
92014	Ophth Medical XM&Eval Compre Estab PT 1/>VST	\$66.56	\$73.22

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office. An opportunity for public comment will be held on **May 15, 2024, at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 22, 2024**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, <u>danwilliams@dch.ga.gov</u> or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, <u>danwilliams@dch.ga.gov</u>.

If the proposed changes are presented to the Board for final action, relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board. The Board expects to vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held on **June 13, 2024**, at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024 Russel Carlson, Commissioner