

## 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.

### MEDICAID PHYSICIAN RATE INCREASE FOR OBSTETRICAL-GYNOCOLOGICAL CARE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to increase certain obstetrical and gynecological care office visits to 100% of the Calendar Year 2014 Medicare fee schedule. The rate increase is effective for dates of service on or after July 1, 2016.

The office visit code eligible for the payment increase is 99202 as shown in the table below. This change is budget neutral.

OB-GYN Primary Care Rate Increase for FY 2017*			
CODE	Description of Service	OB-GYN Practitioner Rate	
		Current Medicaid	100% of CY14 Medicare Effective 7/1/2016
99202	Office/outpatient visit, New Patient	\$54.57	\$71.33

*\*Eligible Physician Extenders are reimbursed 90% of the new physician rate.*

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 19, 2016**, 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. 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 26, 2016**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966.

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 9, 2016**, 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 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY, 2016**

**Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner**