

## 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.

### **Nursing Facility Services – Ventilator Bed Hold Rate**

Effective for services provided on and after September 1, 2011 and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates, the Department is proposing to reimburse nursing facilities for patient leave days for residents receiving ventilator services at 75% of the non-ventilator service nursing home rate.

This proposed rate methodology follows the Patient Leave Day or Bed Hold reimbursement policy for non-ventilator nursing facility services approved in 2004.

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 **August 4, 2011**, 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 **August 4, 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 **August 11, 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 14th DAY OF JULY, 2011**

David A. Cook, Commissioner