

## 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 Rate Setting for Pharmacy Telemedicine Originating Site Fee and Vaccine Administration Fee

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is The Department of Community Health, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and Peachcare) respectfully request consideration of allowing Pharmacies to serve as Telemedicine Origination Sites, and reimburse pharmacies for providing telemedicine origination site at 84.645% of the 2012 Medicare fee schedule.

Originating site means the location of an eligible Medicaid beneficiary at the time the service being furnished via a telecommunications system occurs. The services are furnished to a beneficiary at an originating site, which is any Georgia Medicaid enrolled provider with the technological capacity to provide HIPAA compliant telemedicine services.

The Department of Community Health, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and Peachcare) are providing notice of allowing Pharmacists to administer vaccines at an administration fee of \$10 per injection administered. Vaccines will be reimbursed at Average Sales Price (ASP) plus 6% as defined by the quarterly CMS ASP file. When ASP pricing is not available vaccines will be reimbursed at AWP minus 11%.

This change is estimated to increase Medicaid expenditures for FFY 2017 as follows:

| FFY2016               | DCH Federal Match |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Medicaid (67.55% FFP) | \$ 13,861         |
| CHIP (100% FFP)       | \$ 0              |
| Total                 | \$ 13,861         |

| FFY2017               | DCH Federal Match |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Medicaid (67.89% FFP) | \$ 33,434         |
| CHIP (100% FFP)       | \$ 0              |
| Total                 | \$ 33,434         |

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 **April 20, 2016** at 11:00 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 **April 27, 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

**May 12, 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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2016**

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