

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 Safe to Sleep Agreement with the Department of Public Health

The Department of Public Health and the Department of Community Health, Medical Assistance Plans (Medicaid and Peachcare), propose a partnership to provide Medicaid mothers with newborn infants with bassinets and gowns to reduce Sudden Unexpected Infant Deaths (SUIDS).

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), about 3,500 US infants die suddenly and unexpectedly each year, referred to as sudden unexpected infant deaths (SUID). Although the causes of death in many of these children can't be explained, most occur while the infant is sleeping in an unsafe sleeping environment.

CDC researchers are not sure how often these deaths happen because of accidental suffocation from soft bedding or overlay (another person rolling on top of or against the infant while sleeping).

DPH and DCH intend to partner to provide safe to sleep bassinets approved by DPH to increase the likelihood of a safe sleep environment, and safe sleep behaviors by Medicaid and Peachcare mothers, thus decreasing the likelihood of SUIDs.

This change is estimated to increase Medicaid administrative claiming for SFY 2016 and SFY 2017 as follows:

SFY2016	DPH State Dollar	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (50% FFP)	\$ 239,010.50	\$ 239,010.50
Chip (100% FFP)	\$0	\$518.00
Total	\$239,010.50	\$239,528.50
Contract Total FFY2016: \$478,539.00		

SFY2017	DPH State Dollar	DCH Federal Match
Medicaid (50% FFP)	\$ 956,042.00	\$ 956,042.00
Chip (100% FFP)	\$0	\$2,072.00
Total	\$956,042.00	\$958,114.00

Contract Total FFY2017: \$1,914,156.00	
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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 22, 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 **April 29, 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 5th Floor Board Room.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2016

Clyde L. Reese III, Esq., Commissioner