

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health, Division of Medical Assistance, is required to give public notice of any significant proposed changes in its method and standards for setting payment rates for services.

NURSING HOME SERVICES

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2010 and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to modify the provider fee payment amount for nursing home services as follows:

- The rate will reflect an increase in the nursing home provider fee from \$12.21 per day to \$13.39 per day effective October 1, 2010.

The purpose of these changes is to provide State matching funds for the nursing home Fair Rental Value System (FRVS) initiative. These changes are estimated to enable the Department to provide approximately \$8,793,000 in non-federal funding and approximately \$35,326,962 in total funds to support the FRVS initiative.

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 **September 30, 2010, 2:00 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 **September 30, 2010**, 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 **October 14, 2010**, 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 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2010

Clyde Reese, J.D., Commissioner