

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.

PAYMENT ADJUSTMENT FOR PROVIDER PREVENTABLE CONDITIONS, INCLUDING HOSPITAL ACQUIRED CONDITIONS

The Department intends to seek approval from the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, for a state plan amendment to comply with federal law and implementing regulations, specifically Section 2702 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, which prohibits payment to providers for Hospital Acquired Conditions and Other Provider-Preventable Conditions as specified in the implementing federal regulations at 42 CFR 434, 438, and 447 which were published in the June 6, 2011 Federal Register, page 32816, and became effective on July 1, 2011. The change will be effective June 30, 2012 and there will be minimal to no annual state savings for State Fiscal Year 2012 and State Fiscal Year 2013.

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 **May 24, 2012 at 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 **May 31, 2012** to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301.

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 14, 2012** 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 10th DAY OF MAY, 2012
David A. Cook, Commissioner