

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.

COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES PROGRAM

Effective for services provided on and after July 1, 2008, and subject to payment at fee for service rates, the Department is proposing to increase the reimbursement rate for services provided through the Community Care Services Program by 3%.

The purpose of this change is to more accurately match payments to the level of services being provided. This change is estimated to increase annual expenditures in the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid program by approximately \$7,723,793 in total funds (\$1,350,227 in DHR State funds and \$1,419,525 in DCH state funds). This change is contingent on approval of a pending federal waiver amendment by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. A summary of proposed rates may be obtained by written request to the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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 **June 23, 2008**, at 1 p.m., at the Department of Community Health 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., 5th Floor Board Room, Atlanta, Georgia 30303. 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 **June 27, 2008**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 38406, Atlanta, Georgia 30334.

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 **July 10, 2008**, 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 12th DAY OF JUNE, 2008
Rhonda M. Medows, M.D., Commissioner