

## 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 CARE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS (CMOs) HOSPITAL DIRECTED PAYMENTS FOR PUBLIC HOSPITALS RATE INCREASE**

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes an increase in reimbursement for the hospital state directed payment program for eligible private hospitals, effective July 1, 2024. Eligible public hospitals are defined as all state and non-state government hospitals, excluding all Critical Access Hospitals.

The program currently provides for the aggregate difference between Medicare reimbursement and Medicaid managed care base payments. DCH proposes an additional 10% increase on Medicaid managed care base payments for those eligible hospitals in Pool 2 of the Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) program.

This program is estimated to increase provider funding of critical services for the Medicaid population and strengthen Georgia's healthcare workforce. The below funding represents the estimated total SFY2025 payments for participating public hospitals:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY2025	\$10,109,890*	\$19,627,267	\$29,737,157

\*Funded via intergovernmental transfer (IGT)

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 **May 16, 2024 at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479 at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **May 23, 2024**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to Danisha Williams, [danwilliams@dch.ga.gov](mailto:danwilliams@dch.ga.gov) or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to Danisha Williams, [danwilliams@dch.ga.gov](mailto:danwilliams@dch.ga.gov)

If the proposed changes are presented to the Board for final action, relevant comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board. The Board expects to vote on the proposed changes at the Board meeting to be held on **June 13, 2024** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2024**

**Russel Carlson, Commissioner**