

## 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.

### NURSING HOME PATIENT DRIVEN PAYMENT MODEL (PDPM)

On October 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) replaced its Resource Utilization Group (RUG) based resident classification system with the Patient Driven Payment Model (PDPM) classification system. Due to this change, CMS has indicated to states that they (CMS) will remove elements from the Minimum Data Set (MDS) resident assessment that are not necessary for resident classification under PDPM.

Effective July 1, 2024, the Department will implement PDPM using the nursing acuity component only. The nursing acuity component measures the estimated nursing resource needs a resident may have based on their presenting conditions and functional status.

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2023	\$24,308,235	\$46,956,013	\$71,264,248

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 17, 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 **April 24, 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changes at the Board meeting to be held on **May 9, 2024** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.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 11<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 2024**  
**Russel Carlson, Commissioner**