

## 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.

### GEORGIA PEDIATRIC PROGRAM (GAPP) RATE INCREASE

Effective July 1, 2024, with Department of Community Health (DCH) Board approval, DCH is proposing to increase reimbursement rates for pediatric In-Home Skilled Nursing and Personal Care Support covered by GAPP. The increase in rates of reimbursement is funded in accordance with the 2024 Georgia Legislative Budget.

Proposed July 1, 2024 rates are as follows:

| Service   | Current Rate               | Proposed Rate              | Billing Code |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| Registered Nurse In-Home Skilled Nursing Care         | \$11.69 per 15-minute unit | \$23.84 per 15-minute unit | S9123        |
| Licensed Practical Nurse In-Home Skilled Nursing Care | \$10.24 per 15-minute unit | \$15.85 per 15-minute unit | S9124        |
| Personal Care Support                                 | \$5.00 per 15-minute unit  | \$6.38 per 15-minute unit  | S9122        |

The proposed reimbursement rate change is estimated to increase expenditures as follows:

|          | State Funds  | Federal Funds | Total Funds  |
|----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| SFY 2025 | \$15,957,601 | \$30,979,972  | \$46,937,573 |

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 18, 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.

Join Zoom Meeting

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **April 25, 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**