

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 CFR 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) Division of Medicaid, is required to give public notice of any significant proposed changes in its method and standards for setting payment rates for services.

CHILDREN'S INTERVENTION SCHOOL SERVICES

Effective for dates of service on and after October 1, 2010 and subject to payment at fee-for-service rates beginning and continuing beyond State Fiscal Year 2012, the Department is proposing to modify the payment method for Children's Intervention School Services (CISS) as follows:

- The agency will be implementing a Cost Settlement and Reconciliation model for all CISS reimbursement.

The purpose of this change is to more accurately match payments to the cost of services being provided to Medicaid recipients receiving direct medical services, outlined on the Individualized Education Plan (IEP), in the school setting. With the proposed changes in reimbursement methodology, the incremental expenditures are estimated to be \$3,125,000 in total funds and \$1,083,438 in state funds in State Fiscal Year 2012 and incremental expenditures of \$8,100,000 in total funds and \$2,808,270 in state funds in the State Fiscal Year 2013. There will not be a budgetary impact to the Georgia Medicaid Division because the state funded portion of these amounts will be provided by the Georgia Local Education Agencies (LEAs) submitting claims under the CISS program. This change is contingent on approval of available federal financial participation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

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 **September 21, 2010, 10:00 a.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 submit their comments on or before **September 24, 2010**, to the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

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 **October 14, 2010** Board meeting. The Board will vote on the proposed changes at this Board meeting to be held at 10:30 a.m. on this date 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 26th DAY OF AUGUST, 2010

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