

## 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.

### **AMBULANCE UPPER PAYMENT LIMIT (UPL) SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT PROGRAM**

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval and effective July 1, 2019, the Department proposes to implement a new Ambulance Upper Payment Limit (UPL) supplemental payment program for ambulance providers that are affiliated with a hospital. Under the program, participating ambulance providers will receive increased Medicaid funding via a lump sum UPL payment twice a year.

Participation in the program is voluntary and dependent upon the ambulance provider securing a commitment from a hospital authority to make an inter-governmental transfer (IGT) of funds to the Department to finance the state share of the ambulance UPL payment.

This change is estimated to increase expenditures for SFY 2020 as follows:

<u>Program</u>	<u>State Funds (IGT)</u>	<u>Federal Funds</u>	<u>Total Funds</u>
Aged, Blind, and Disabled	<b>\$10,845,793</b>	<b>\$22,321,770</b>	<b>\$33,167,563</b>

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 **June 18, 2019, 11:00 a.m.**, at the Department of Community Health, 2 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30303 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room. Individuals who are disabled and need assistance to participate during this meeting should call (404) 656-4479. Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **June 25, 2019**, 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). Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **July 11, 2019** 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 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 13<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019**

**Frank W. Berry, Commissioner**