

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.

Changes to Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) Allocation Methodology

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to update the definition of rural hospital and revise the allocation methodology used to calculate hospital specific DSH payments made on or after July 1, 2022.

A hospital will be considered a rural hospital if a hospital's county is not in a Metropolitan Statistical Area, as defined by the United States Office of Management and Budget, OR is a county having a population of less than 50,000 according to the United States decennial census; provided, however, that for counties which contain a military base or installation, the military personnel and their dependents living in such county shall be excluded from the total population of that county.

The allocation methodology will be determined based on the level of directed payments to hospitals. If directed payments to hospitals exceed 10 percent of total payments made to Care Management Organizations (CMOs), available DSH Payments will be allocated such that eligible critical access hospitals, rural hospitals with less than 100 beds, and state-owned and operated acute care hospitals will receive up to 100 percent of uncompensated care provided to uninsured and Medicaid patients. There is no change to the existing allocation methodology if directed payments to hospitals are less than or equal to 10 percent of total payments made to CMOs.

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2023	\$0	\$0	\$0
SFY 2024	\$0	\$0	\$0

The DSH allocation methodology will be evaluated annually subject to the level of directed payments to hospitals.

This public notice is available for review at each county Division of Family and Children Services office.

Two opportunities for public comment will be held **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.

#1 June 29, 2022 11:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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#2 July 6, 2022 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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 **July 27, 2022**, 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 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. Comments from written and public testimony will be provided to the Board of Community Health prior to the **August 11, 2022** 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE 2022

Caylee Noggle, Commissioner