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.

Clarification of Language for Reimbursement for Independent Laboratory Services
STATE PLAN AMENDMENT (SPA)

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Community Health (DCH) seeks to clarify the language within the State Plan regarding reimbursement for independent laboratory services.

The State Plan will be updated to amend the language on reimbursement for independent laboratory services. These services will be reimbursed at 80% of the Medicare Lab Cahaba (MCC) Fee Schedule rate. This clarification is intended to ensure consistency, transparency, and alignment with established reimbursement methodologies.

Upon receiving approval from CMS, this change will be effective June 12, 2026.

SFY 2027	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total
	($1,203,342)	($2,396,514)	($3,599,856)

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 17, 2026, at 11:00 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 before 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 June 24, 2026 to D'Lawren Hicks c/o the Board of Community Health, Post Office Box 1966, Atlanta,

Georgia 30301-1966. You may also email comments to D'Lawren Hicks dlawren.hicks@dch.ga.gov or fax to 404-651-6880.

Comments submitted will be available for review by submitting a request via email to openrecordsrequest@dch.ga.gov. ***Please note that any comments submitted are subject to open records.***

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changes at the Board meeting to be held on **July 9, 2026,** at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Community Health unless withdrawn or withheld by the Department for further review.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 11th DAY OF JUNE 2026
Dean Burke, MD, Commissioner