

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 revise the definition of individuals eligible for inclusion in the DSH calculation for uncompensated care (UCC) as required by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021.

	State Cost	Federal Cost	Total Cost
FY 2021	\$0	\$0	\$0
FY 2022	\$0	\$0	\$0

Background

The Act limits the individuals to (1) those who are eligible for medical assistance under the State Plan or under a waiver of such plan for whom the State plan or waiver is the primary payor for such services and (2) those who have no health insurance or other source of third party coverage. This change eliminates the Medicare/Medicaid crossover dual eligible population as well as the Medicaid secondary payor population from the UCC calculation.

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 **September 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., via WebEx 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.

Event number: 2558 592 9096

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To join the online event

1. Copy the following link to a browser:

<https://dchevents.webex.com/dchevents/j.php?MTID=m414ccd9240343dc1a016a35635e92325>

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Join the audio conference only:

1-650-479-3207 Call-in toll number (US/Canada). Access code: 255 859 29096

Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **September 21, 2021** 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 **October 14, 2021 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 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2021
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner