

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.

GEORGIA MEDICAID INPATIENT PROSPECTIVE PAYMENT SYSTEM (IPPS): REBASE TO ALL PATIENT REFINED (APR) DIAGNOSTIC RELATED GROUPEL (DRG)

Pending CMS and Board approval, effective January 1, 2024, the Department is proposing to change the grouper from TRICARE DRG to APR DRG. The DRG weights used in the Base Rate calculations would also change. APR DRG is applicable to all patient populations, including obstetrics, newborns, and pediatrics. The TRICARE DRG was designed for the Department of Defense (DOD) and adapted from Medicare's MS-DRG and 3M's AP-DRG.

The state-wide base will change to \$5,985.86. IPPS Rebase will continue to include the four factors that change the hospital base rate from the state-wide rate:

1. Pediatric Hospital add-on (\$3,400 per admission).
2. Medicaid Inpatient Utilization Rate (MIUR) - hospitals that serve more Medicaid patients receive an increase to their base rate, tiered schedule of 2% up to 10% add-on.
3. Inpatient Medical Education (IME) - hospitals that have graduate medical education programs receive an increase to their base rate (updated annually).
4. Stop Gain/Stop Loss - mitigates the impact of the IPPS rate update on an individual hospital.

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2024	\$0 Budget Neutral	\$0 Budget Neutral	\$0 Budget Neutral

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 18, 2023, at 1:00 p.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 prior to the scheduled public hearing to ensure any necessary accommodations can be provided.

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 **September 25, 2023**, 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.

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 **October 12, 2023**, 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 14th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023

Russel Carlson, Commissioner