

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.

NURSING HOME MECHANICAL VENTILATOR CARE PROGRAM RATE INCREASE

Pending enactment of HB 911, and approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to increase the mechanical ventilator per diem from \$589.62 per day to \$707.54 per day effective July 1, 2022.

In FY 2010, the Department established a specialized, cost-based, reimbursement rate to pay qualified nursing facilities for the specialized care of ventilator-dependent residents. This was in response to a lack of in-state nursing facility capacity to address the specialized needs of hospital patients considered ventilator-dependent, but no longer requiring acute inpatient care. Ventilator care requires specially trained staff, staffing patterns and high-tech equipment to support the patient.

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2023	\$1,696,660	\$3,327,503	\$5,024,163

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 **May 18, 2022 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 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 **May 25, 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 **June 27, 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 12th DAY OF MAY 2022
Caylee Noggle, Commissioner