

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.

PSYCHIATRIC RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES (PRTF) RATE METHODOLOGY CHANGE

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (DCH) proposes to adjust Fee-for-Service rates for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), effective September 15, 2023. Rates for all PRTFs will be adjusted to seventy-five percent (75%) of the 2022 Medicare Inpatient Facility Rates. The rate increase will be for both the base rate and the rate for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism as identified in claims with an (AU) modifier.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Billing Code
Coastal Harbor Treatment Center	\$351.62	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$507.59	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Hillside, Inc.	\$595.90	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Laurel Heights Hospital	\$520.07	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta	\$318.14	\$649.22	T2048/AU
Youth Villages Inner Harbour	\$517.89	\$649.22	T2048/AU

The Georgia Legislature funds the State match for PRTF services in the Fee-for-Service program through a budget allocation to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). The Georgia Legislature funds the State match for PRTF services in the Fee-for-Service program through a budget allocation funding to DCH for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism as identified in claims with an (AU) modifier.

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Bill Code Description	Agency Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Per Diem Rate Increase	DBHDD	\$400,290	\$809,776	\$1,210,066
Per Diem Rate Increase with co-occurring diagnosis of autism	DCH	\$100,072	\$202,444	\$302,516

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 20, 2023 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 **September 27, 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