

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 Adjustment

Pending Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approval, the Department of Community Health (Department or DCH) proposes to adjust Fee-for-Service rates for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), effective January 14, 2022. The rate adjustment has two components: 1) a per diem rate adjustment for existing facilities, and 2) a modified per diem rate for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism.

Part 1 – A per diem rate adjustment for existing facilities (Fee-for-Service)

Proposed January 14, 2022 per diem rates by facility are as follows:

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Billing Code
Coastal Harbor Treatment Center	\$351.62	\$351.62	T2048
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$407.00	\$455.83	T2048
Hillside, Inc.	\$407.00	\$539.59	T2048
Laurel Heights Hospital	\$363.57	\$399.51	T2048
Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta	\$318.14	\$318.14	T2048
Youth Villages Inner Harbour	\$407.00	\$487.39	T2048

The proposed rate adjustments are based upon facility submitted State Fiscal Year 2019 cost reporting. The proposed rates noted above reflect a 5% inflation factor and a hold harmless provision. Future per diem rate changes in this category will be evaluated based upon annual cost reporting. Cost reports must be submitted annually. Cost ceiling provisions associated with rate setting have been eliminated. The utilization adjustment factor has been eliminated.

The Georgia Legislature funds the State match for PRTF services in the Fee-for-Service program in the budget allocation to the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD). This funding is being utilized to support Part 1 of the PRTF rate increases.

Part 2 – Modified per diem rate for children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism (Fee-for-Service)

This proposal includes a modified per diem rate for billing code T2048 with an AU modifier associated with children with a co-occurring diagnosis of autism. The proposed PRTF per diem rate for claims with this modifier is \$597.65 for all facilities.

Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Billing Code
Coastal Harbor Treatment Center	\$440.00	\$597.65	T2048 (AU modifier)
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$440.00	\$597.65	T2048 (AU modifier)
Hillside, Inc.	\$440.00	\$597.65	T2048 (AU modifier)
Laurel Heights Hospital	\$440.00	\$597.65	T2048 (AU modifier)
Lighthouse Care Center of Augusta	\$440.00	\$597.65	T2048 (AU modifier)
Youth Villages Inner Harbour	\$440.00	\$597.65	T2048 (AU modifier)

This proposed rate adjustment is based upon facility submitted State Fiscal year 2020 cost reporting. The increases noted above do not reflect a 5% inflation factor or a hold harmless provision. Future per diem rate changes in this category will be evaluated based upon annual cost reporting. Cost reports must be submitted annually.

The Georgia Legislature funds the State match for PRTF co-occurring children with an autism diagnosis in the Fee-for-Service program in the DCH budget.

The projected cost impact of these PRTF rate adjustments with a January 14, 2022 effective date is as follows:

SFY 2022				
Bill Code Description	Agency Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Per Diem Rate Increase	DBHDD	\$78,795.58	\$182,549.64	\$261,345.22
Per Diem Rate Increase with co-occurring diagnosis of autism	DCH	\$147,094.44	\$340,780.98	\$487,875.42

SFY 2023				
Bill Code Description	Agency Impact	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
Per Diem Rate Increase	DBHDD	\$176,512.56	\$346,177.88	\$522,690.44
Per Diem Rate Increase with co-occurring diagnosis of autism	DCH	\$329,511.05	\$646,239.77	\$975,750.82

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 **January 19, 2022 at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom 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.

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 **January 26, 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 **February 10, 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 13th DAY OF JANUARY 2022

Caylee Noggle, Commissioner