PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 447.205, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is required to give public notice of any significant proposed change in its methods and standards for setting payment rates for services.

Public Rural Obstetrics (OB) Directed Payment Preprint (DPP)

Pending approval by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), the Department of Community Health proposes implementing a new hospital state-directed payment (DPP) program under Medicaid managed care, effective July 1, 2025.

The Department proposes implementing a new Public Rural Obstetrics (OB) Directed Payment Program (DPP) for rural hospitals that deliver babies and provide other obstetric services. The Rural OB DPP payments represent a 182% increase to inpatient and a 222% increase to outpatient managed care base payments, which does not exceed 100% of commercial reimbursement.

The following table reflects estimated SFY 2026 payments under the updated methodology:

	State Funds	Federal Funds	Total Funds
SFY 2026	$54,204,095*	$107,117,617	$161,321,712

* Funded via intergovernmental transfer

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 **July 16, 2025, at 11:30 a.m., via Zoom audio**. There will be **no in-person** attendance at the Department of Community Health (DCH).

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Individuals wishing to comment in writing on any of the proposed changes should do so on or before **July 23, 2025**, to Danisha Williams c/o 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 openrecordsrequest@dch.ga.gov. ***Please note that any comments submitted are subject to open records.***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THIS 30th DAY OF JUNE 2025
Russel Carlson, Commissioner