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Date: May 11, 2020

TO: Medicaid Providers

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SUBJECT: DCH Updates – COVID-19

The health and well-being of patients and residents receiving Medicaid benefits across the state is one of the top priorities of the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH). In recognition of the workplace procedures in place to help protect patients and residents during the public health emergency, the Department is implementing the following changes.

- Changes to Cost Report submission dates

<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Report</b>	<b>Revised Due Dates</b>
Hospitals	Medicare & Medicaid Cost Report	Follow CMS guidelines on cost report due dates
Nursing Homes	Freestanding and home office with FYE June 30, 2020	Due October 31, 2020
	Hospital-based facilities with FYE between July 31, 2019 and June 30, 2020	Due October 31, 2020
Home Health Agencies	Medicare Cost Report and Medicaid Data Sheet	Follow CMS guidelines on cost report due dates

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- Cost Report Audits - DCH has suspended cost reports audits and desk reviews. During this period, our contract vendor Myers & Stauffer will not require providers to provide supporting documentation or answer follow-up questions for reports filed prior to the decision to suspend.

The Department will continue to monitor the public health emergency and will notify healthcare providers of any changes.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at [kim.morris@dch.ga.gov](mailto:kim.morris@dch.ga.gov).