



June 16, 2010

Dear District Health Directors and Public Health Stakeholders:

At a time when budgets are being reduced, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) is working to align our programs to ensure that we are making the right investments at the right time to positively impact the health status of Georgia. As a result, the Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) ceased operations of Babies Born Healthy effective June 7, 2010.

Providers will continue to be reimbursed for prenatal services currently being offered to existing members of the Babies Born Healthy program. Pregnant women that are not currently enrolled but require future assistance may be able to obtain prenatal care through local clinics. Questions pertaining to Babies Born Healthy may be directed to Brian C. Castrucci at bccastrucci@dhr.state.ga.us or 404-657-2851.

While DCH recognizes the importance of prenatal care, this programmatic change will allow us to serve a larger population of Georgia's children through the Children 1st program.

Children 1st is the single point of entry to a statewide collaborative system of public health and other prevention based programs and services. This system helps parents provide their young children with a healthy start in life. It allows at-risk children to be identified early and gives them a chance to grow up healthy and ready for school.

For information about prenatal care resources or the Children 1st program please contact the Children 1st Program Coordinator responsible for the county in which you reside (see attached) or visit the Children 1st website at <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/childrenfirst>.

Sincerely,

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DISTRICT COORDINATORS

DISTRICT	CHILDREN 1 ST COORDINATOR	PHONE/FAX/E-MAIL	COUNTIES SERVED
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2 GAINESVILLE North Health District	Tonya Newsom 1856 Thompson Bridge Road Suite 103 Gainesville, GA 30501	770.538.2778 FAX 770.538.2784 tenewsom@dhr.state.ga.us	Banks Dawson Forsyth Franklin Habersham Hall Hart Lumpkin Rabun Stephens Towns Union White
3-1 COBB/DOUGLAS Health District	Laurie A. Ross 1650 County Services Parkway Marietta, GA 30008	770.514.2460 FAX 770.514.2742 Pager: 404.742.5788 laross@dhr.state.ga.us	Cobb Douglas
3-2 FULTON Health District	Margaret Gamble 1225 Capital Ave SE Atlanta, GA 30315	404.612.4077 FAX 404.893.6516 margaret.gamble@fultoncountyga.gov	Fulton
3-3 CLAYTON Health District	Tori M. Cheney 1117 Battlecreek Rd. Jonesboro, Ga. 30236	678.610.7365 FAX 770.603.4174 tmcheney@dhr.state.ga.us	Clayton

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<p>3-5 DEKALB Health District</p>	<p>Aletha Dixon DeKalb County Board of Health 440 Winn Way Decatur, GA 30031</p>	<p>404.294.3814 FAX 404.294.6316 ardixon@dhr.state.ga.us</p>	<p>DeKalb</p>
<p>4 LAGRANGE Health District</p>	<p>Phyllis Turner 122 Gordon Commercial Drive Suite A LaGrange, GA 30240</p>	<p>706.845.4035 FAX 706.845.4351 pturner@dhr.state.ga.us</p>	<p>Lamar Meriwether Pike Spalding Troup Upson</p>
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<p>5-2 MACON North Central Health District</p>	<p>Deborah Clark 811 Hemlock Street Macon, GA 31201</p>	<p>478.751.6179 FAX 478.751.6429 dmclark@dhr.state.ga.us</p>	<p>Baldwin Bibb Crawford Hancock Houston Jasper Jones Monroe Peach Putnam Twiggs Washington Wilkinson</p>

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<p>7 COLUMBUS West Central Health District</p>	<p>Lori Hirsch 705 17th Street Suite 207 Columbus, GA 31902</p>	<p>706.327.0951 FAX 706.327.9288 lhirsch@dhr.state.ga.us</p>	<p>Chattahoochee Clay Crisp Dooly Harris Macon Marion Muscogee Quitman Randolph Schley Stewart Sumter Talbot Taylor Webster</p>
<p>8-1 VALDOSTA South Health District</p>	<p>Lisa Thomas 206 S. Patterson Street 3rd Floor P.O. Box 1027 Valdosta, GA 31603</p>	<p>800.316.8044 Toll Free 229.293.6286 FAX 229.293.6292 althomas@dhr.state.ga.us</p>	<p>Ben Hill Berrien Brooks Cook Echols Irwin Lanier Lowndes Tift Turner</p>
<p>8-2 ALBANY Southwest Health District</p>	<p>Sherry Holman 1306 South Slappy Boulevard Suite A - Colony Square South Albany, GA 31701</p>	<p>800.430.4212 Toll Free 229.430.4310 FAX 229.430.1379 syholman1@dhr.state.ga.us</p>	<p>Baker Calhoun Colquitt Decatur Dougherty Early Grady Lee Miller Mitchell Seminole Terrell Thomas Worth</p>

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9-2 WAYCROSS Southeast Health District	Wanda Bennett 1115 Church Street Suite A Waycross, GA 31501	912.287.4843 FAX 912.338.5914 wbbennett@dhr.state.ga.us	Appling Atkinson Bacon Brantley Bulloch Candler Charlton Clinch Coffee Evans Jeff Davis Pierce Tattnall Toombs Ware Wayne
10 ATHENS Northeast Health District	Robin O'Donnell 220 Research Drive Athens, GA 30605	706.227.7182 FAX 706.227.7184 rjodonnell@dhr.state.ga.us	Barrow Clarke Elbert Greene Jackson Madison Morgan Oconee Oglethorpe Walton

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