



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

**APPLING HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
RURAL HOSPITAL STABILIZATION PILOT PROJECT**

**POSTING DATE: FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2015
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2015**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

APPLING HEALTH CARE SYSTEM – RURAL HOSPITAL STABILIZATION PILOT

AGENCY BACKGROUND	The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 and has the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia, maximizing the State’s health care purchasing power, coordinating health planning for State agencies and proposing cost-effective solutions for reducing the number of uninsured. Within DCH, the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) serves Georgians by improving access to health care in rural and underserved areas to improve health status and reduce health disparities.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to four rural community hospitals for the development of community specific projects based on the identified “Hub and Spoke” model adopted by the Georgia Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee. The over arching goal of each project is to prevent over-utilization of the emergency department as a primary care access point, monitor chronically ill patients to reduce the number of unnecessary readmissions, ensure patients are being transported to the appropriate facilities, use existing and new technology to ensure that patients are being treated in the most appropriate setting, and direct all patients within the community to a medical home for their healthcare needs.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	LEGISLATIVELY MANDATED. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding to four rural community hospitals for the development of community specific projects based on the identified “Hub and Spoke” model adopted by the Georgia Rural Hospital Stabilization Committee.
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$750,000.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Romero M. Stokes, Grant Manager at rstokes@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2015