



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION DIVISION

CMS CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES GRANT

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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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 Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD) is responsible for health care planning, licensing, certification and oversight of various health care facilities and services in Georgia. The division was created in 2009 as a result of the passage of two laws, HB 228 (2009) and SB 433 (2008). These laws transferred functions previously performed by the Office of Regulatory Services to DCH in 2009.

In 2011, the division also became responsible for providing direction for the Certificate of Need (CON) program in recognition of the value of integrating the administration of health planning with health care regulation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) collects fines or civil monetary penalties (CMP) which are Georgia's (GA) Medicaid portion of penalties assessed in CMP agreements between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and penalized nursing homes. Monies collected by CMS are transmitted to and kept in a fund managed by Georgia. CMP funds may be used by GA for any project that directly benefits facility residents in accordance with regulations. Project categories are as follows: direct improvement to quality of care; resident or family councils, culture change/quality of life; consumer information; transition preparation; training; and resident transition due to facility closure or downsizing. CMS has approval authority for the use of all civil money penalty funds proposed by GA and/or directly by CMS.

The percent of younger adult residents in the LTC setting has doubled in 20 years, and currently this group represents the fastest growing population in LTC nationwide. Many nursing homes find themselves ill-equipped to provide appropriate care for the younger adult. Nationwide, the young adult between the ages of 31 and 64 years comprises 14.4 percent of all residents in LTC. Some nursing homes in southeastern states have even higher percentages of young adults in LTC settings. For example, the percentage of young adult residents in Mississippi and Georgia is 16.4 percent. In Alabama the percentage of young adult residents is 14.6 percent.

AMDA has recognized that clinical practitioners and other direct care staff in LTC need more advanced training on how to promote quality care of the younger adult. To meet training needs, AMDA proposes to develop and implement an educational curriculum using a three-pronged training strategy to improve the medical and behavioral management of younger adult LTC residents (under age 65) with: (1) a core (primary) online component, (2) a face-to-face component at state meetings taught by AMDA faculty; and (3) virtually, in a learning collaborative. AMDA anticipates disseminating the curriculum to LTC facilities throughout Georgia.

AMDA will educate and train the Medical Director, nursing home staff, surveyors, the LTC Ombudsman and members of Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs) on how to provide better care for the young adult in LTC.

AWARD JUSTIFICATION

The American Medical Director's Association (AMDA) was awarded a civil money penalty (CMP) funds grant by CMS for \$1,624,269.00 for a three year period to improve the quality of care and quality of life for younger adults utilizing long term

	<p>care (LTC) services. This was a regional CMP award, and training would be provided in the participating Region IV states of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi and South Carolina.</p> <p>Of the amount awarded, \$293,524 was awarded specifically to Georgia in support of this project.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$293,524.00
<p align="center"><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></p> <p>Romero M. Stokes, Grant Manager at rstokes@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, December 24, 2014</p>	