



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

**SMALL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(SHIP)**

**POSTING DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
INQUIRY CLOSING DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2015**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

CRISP REGIONAL HOSPITAL, INC. – 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	<p>The Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health works to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities. SORH provides funding for institutional frameworks that link small rural communities with State and Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.</p> <p>The primary objectives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources;• Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance;• Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs;• Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems;• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	In the 2015 – 2016 grant funding cycle, St. Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital will use 100 percent of funding provided through this Agreement for a VBP project. As part of this project, GRANTEE shall contract with a CMS certified vendor to administer and report the results of the HCAHPS patient satisfaction surveys.
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$9,596.00

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 September 16, 2015