



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

## **ARRA ASC HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTION PREVENTION**

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**DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**  
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<b>Background</b>	The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 (Senate Bill 241) with the responsibility for insuring over two million people in the State of Georgia to maximize the State's health care purchasing power, to coordinate health planning for state agencies, and to propose cost-effective solutions to reducing the numbers of uninsured. Within the Department, the Division of Public Health (DPH) is responsible for disease control and prevention, the reduction of avoidable injury-related deaths and disabilities, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. The three basic functions of public health include assessing the health status of the population; assuring that people have the resources and skills necessary to remain healthy; and establishing and implementing sound public health policy.
<b>Program Background</b>	The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009. The ASC Healthcare-Associated Infection Prevention Initiative is "to carry out activities to implement healthcare-associated infections reduction strategies." S & C Memo 09-43 dated June 12, 2009. Through the (ARRA) the State Survey Agencies are able to carry out activities to implement healthcare-associated infections reduction strategies. The Georgia Survey Agency (SA) is complying with the new Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) survey process and the requirement to survey a larger number of ASCs in FFY 2010.
<b>Program Description</b>	The purpose of this pilot initiative is to address the need to improve oversight of ASCs through surveying them in FFY2010 using the new Ambulatory Surgical Center survey process. Grant funding will be used to solely address additional work required by the survey process and the increased survey frequency. Recovery Act funding will provided a critical investment to expand state survey capacity with regard to ASC surveys in Georgia. All activities associated with this grant agreement must be implemented no later than thirty (30) days after execution of this agreement.
<b>Award Justification</b>	The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award the Georgia Medical Care Foundation (GMCF) ARRA funding in the amount of \$345,105 for pilot implementation of an improved survey process. DCH presents this ARRA funding as a direct award in that DCH was required by the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to pilot the implementation by GMCF.GMCF was selected as the Medicare Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) for the state of Georgia.
<b>Award(s)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE : \$345,105</b>

**TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

Tiffiney Ward, Issuing Officer at [tiward@dch.ga.gov](mailto:tiward@dch.ga.gov) no later than 1:00PM EST, Tuesday, February 2, 2010.