



**GEORGIA MEDICARE RURAL HOSPITAL FLEXIBILITY (FLEX)
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) NETWORK GRANT PROGRAM
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. Can the funds be utilized to purchase equipment used in providing front-line medical care?	No. This funding opportunity does not provide for equipment utilization for frontline medical care. Page ii of the RFGA in the area entitled purpose states that this grant opportunity seeks to provide funds for strategic planning for the development of Regional EMS collaboratives to address widespread EMS barriers to the provision of pre-hospital health care and to establish a network of providers.
2. Is the \$ 125,000 award for one year?	Page ii of the RFGA in the area entitled Funding Cycle states the issuance of \$125, 000 subject to budget approval and the anticipated award is January 1, 2009 and the funding will expire December 31, 2009.
3. We are a regional network (a 501 (c) (3)), and would like to serve as the fiscal agent for a collaborative of 3 EMS agencies located in 3 rural counties. Is this permissible?	Yes. An EMS collaborative may use a fiscal agent to assist in the facilitation of this grant.
4. May we apply as the lead applicant of the collaborative rather than one of the EMS agencies filing the application, particularly if we are to serve as fiscal agent?	No. Page ii of the RFGA, Applicant Eligibility states that the applicant must be a rural EMS agency located in a county with a population of 35,000 or less or defined as such by the State Legislature.