



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION
ACUTE CARE SECTION**

**ARRA AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER
HEALTHCARE-ASSOCIATED INFECTIONS PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

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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..

The Healthcare Facility Regulation Division is responsible for healthcare planning, licensing and certification of various healthcare facilities and businesses. 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 to the Department of Community Health functions previously performed by the Office of Regulatory Services.

In FY 2010, the division transitioned from the previous Department of Human Resources (DHR) Office of Regulatory Services to the new Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFR) in DCH. The new division continued to respond to changes in the health care industry and consumer expectations. Trends included continuing growth in the use of personal care homes (assisted living facilities), and increased placement of persons with disabilities in community settings. The use of agencies that provided long-term care services in a person's home, such as private home care providers and hospice providers, was expanding rapidly across the state. These changes significantly affected the delivery of regulatory services by HFR.

In 2011, the Division also became responsible for providing direction for the Certificate of Need program in recognition of the value of integrating the administration of health planning with healthcare regulation.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Department of Community Health, Health Facility Regulation Division is responsible for health planning, licensing and certification of various health facilities.

The Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) Division was responsible for inspecting, monitoring, licensing, registering and providing certification for a variety of health care facilities. The division ensured that facilities and programs operated at acceptable levels as mandated by state and federal statutes, rules and regulations. HFR also investigated complaints made against licensed facilities for adverse events and incidents reported by citizens and the facilities themselves. In addition, the division certified various health care facilities to receive Medicaid and Medicare funds through contracts and agreements with the Division of Medicaid, CMS and the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

AWARD JUSTIFICATION

The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award **Georgia Medical Care Foundation** a grant in the amount of **\$11,700** to perform two Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) and any applicable follow-up surveys that meet the ARRA ASC-HAI Initiative as outlined by CMS. DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that **Georgia Medical Care Foundation** meets the federal requirements.

AWARD(S)

TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$11,700

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Lloyd Richardson, Grant Specialist at Lrichardson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Tuesday, May 08, 2012