



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

ERLANGER LIFE FORCE AIR AMBULANCE PROGRAM

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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BACKGROUND	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 to serve as the lead agency for health care planning and purchasing issues in Georgia. DCH is the single state agency for Medicaid and insures 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.</p> <p>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.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia General Assembly seeks to designate \$600,000 for operating expenses of the Erlanger Life Force Air Ambulance program in the Health Care Access and Improvement program. The department is authorized to provide air ambulance services in Northwest Georgia in accordance with the purpose of the program and its general law powers of the Department.</p> <p>DCH intends to award the grant to Erlanger Medical Center in Northwest Georgia. DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the organization named was identified by the General Assembly as a component of the Health Care Access and Improvement program.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$ 600,000.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Arnita E. Watson, Grants Manager at awatson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Friday, July 15, 2011