



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

TELEHEALTH SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER GRANT PROGRAM

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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 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.

Within DCH, the State Office of Rural Health (SORH) serves works to improve access to health care in rural and underserved areas and to reduce health status disparities. SORH provides funding for institutional framework that links small rural communities with State & Federal resources to help develop long-term solutions to rural health problems.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

State Office of Rural Health, Hospital Services provides technical assistance and resources to rural hospitals to continue health care services to Georgia's rural residents.

The objective of the Telehealth School-Based Health Center Grant is to support the expansion of access to quality health care services to students in Georgia's rural communities through the development of telehealth school-based health centers (SBHCs).

Telehealth is the use of Information and Communications Technology to provide health care at a distance. Telehealth is emerging as a valuable way to complement and expand the ability of schools to meet the health care needs of children, particularly those who are living in medically underserved areas. Telehealth in schools is increasing access to acute and specialty care for children; helping children and families manage chronic conditions; facilitating health education for children, families, and school personnel; and increasing the capacity of school nurses and school-based health centers to meet the healthcare needs of students.

AWARD JUSTIFICATION

The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Georgia Partnership for Telehealth a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for the development and expansion of telehealth school-based health centers across the State of Georgia.

DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that Georgia Partnership for Telehealth meets the necessary Federal requirements.

AWARD

TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$100,000.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION CONTACT

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