



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

GRANT RENEWAL FY 2019

**CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)
CIVIL MONEY PENALTY (CMP)
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN GEORGIA CERTIFIED NURSING
HOMES GRANT**

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CMS - CMP EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN GEORGIA CERTIFIED NURSING HOMES GRANT

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AGENCY BACKGROUND	The Georgia Department of Community Health (“DCH”) 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 individuals. Within DCH, HealthCare Facility Regulation (HFRD) manages licenses, monitors and inspects a variety of facilities and services including hospitals, assisted living facilities, personal home care homes and nursing homes facilities. The division investigates complaints and inspects health care facilities within Georgia.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) collects fines or civil monetary penalties (CMP), when violations occur within long term care facilities. Georgia (GA) receives a portion of penalties assessed in CMP agreements between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and penalized nursing homes. Monies collected by CMS are transmitted to and kept in a fund managed by GA. CMP funds may be used by GA for any project that directly benefits facility residents in accordance with regulations. Project categories are as follows: direct improvement to quality of care; resident or family councils, culture change/quality of life; consumer information; transition preparation; training; and resident transition due to facility closure or downsizing. CMS has approval authority for the use of all civil money penalty funds proposed by GA and/or directly by CMS.
RENEWAL AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The CMS - CMP Emergency Preparedness in Georgia Certified Nursing Homes Grant was created to provide caregivers and administrators with critical knowledge, skills and abilities related to disaster and emergency management decision-making and planning in the form of a long-term care emergency preparedness educational program (LTCEP).</p> <p>The Georgia Department of Community Health has renewed the CMS - CMP Emergency Preparedness in Georgia Certified Nursing Homes Grant through February 28, 2020 to continue the services of providing caregivers and administrators with critical knowledge, skills and abilities related to disaster and emergency management decision-making and planning in the form of a long-term care emergency preparedness educational program (LTCEP).</p>
RENEWAL AWARD AMOUNT	TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$563,146.00