



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

**SMALL RURAL HOSPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
(SHIP)**

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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. 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.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>The Department of Community Health, State Office of Rural Health 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.</p> <p>The primary objectives include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources.• Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance.• Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs.• Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems.• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award the identified Small Hospital Improvement Program (SHIP) eligible organizations below, in the amount of \$9,047 per organization to fund SHIP pre-approved activities. The SHIP grant provides funding to Georgia's small rural hospitals to assist in defraying costs related to implementation of the Prospective Payment System (PPS), Accountable Care Organizations (ACO), Payment Bundling, and Value Based Purchasing (VBP). The purpose of this award is to fund subscription to the HomeTown Health ICD-10 Survival Training Network, which is a collaboration of industry experts offering role-based education and project management skills.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as direct awards in that Appling Hospital, Berrien County Hospital, Burke Medical Center, Chatuge Regional Hospital, Chestatee Regional Hospital, Elbert Memorial Hospital, Evans Memorial Hospital, Emanuel Medical Center, Flint River Hospital, Habersham Medical Center, Irwin County Hospital, Liberty Regional Hospital, Louis Smith Memorial Hospital, Lower Oconee Community Hospital, Miller County Hospital, Morgan Memorial Hospital, Mountain Lakes Medical, North Georgia Medical Center, Northridge Medical Center, Optim Medical Center-Jenkins, Optim Medical Center – Screven, Optim Medical Center – Tatnall, Putnam General Hospital, Taylor Regional Hospital, Warm Springs Medical Center, Wills Memorial Hospital, Ty-Cobb Healthcare, Upson Regional Medical Center are components of the Small Rural Hospital Improvement Program that meets the federal grant requirements and as such were named as recipients in the Health Resource and Services Administration (HRSA) federal grant application.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$253,316.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

Arnita E. Watson, Grant Manager at awatson@dch.ga.gov no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, October 7, 2013