

## **Notice of Award Amendment**

The Department of Community Health (DCH), State Office of Rural Health (SORH) is providing public notice of its intent to increase the awarded grant value of Grants #21004G awarded to Crisp Regional Hospital, and #21005G awarded to Washington County Regional Medical Center. These identical grants, Remote Critical Care Services II, are legislatively directed grants funded by state dollars. Funds appropriated for these grants allow each rural hospital to establish an “electronic Intensive Care Unit”, linking them directly to critical care specialists (physicians and nurses) at Emory University who assist with providing care and oversight for critical patients admitted into these rural hospitals’ ICUs.

Currently, the state SORH budget includes \$600,000 in FY21 funds which are intended to provide another year of funding support for the continuation of the eICU program at each of these two hospitals. Neither grant included a renewal option because, at the time, SORH did not know that funding for the continuation of these programs would be included in the FY21 state budget, since these are grants function at 100% state funds.

SORH desires to amend each grant to extend the current period through June 30, 2022 and include an additional \$300,000 (FY21 funds) for each grant. The purpose, scope of services, and deliverables will remain the same for the next funding period.