



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

EFFINGHAM HOSPITAL

**EFFINGHAM HOSPITAL MOBILE HEALTHCARE ACCESS AND
INTEGRATION PILOT STUDY GRANT**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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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, the State Office of Rural Health (“SORH”) serves Georgians by improving access to health care in rural and underserved areas designed to improve health and reduce health disparities.
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>DCH/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">• Empowering communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources;• Providing up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance;• Building strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs;• Providing incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems; and• Being the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	The purpose of the Effingham Hospital Mobile Healthcare Access and Integration Pilot Study Grant is to evaluate the effectiveness of combining findings from previous independent efforts directed towards care coordination into one integrated project. This program will combine mobile integrated healthcare, mobile telemedicine, emergency medical services (EMS) transport to alternate destinations, and proactive care coordination initiatives within one designated community by partnering with multiple stakeholders through specific common goals and desired outcomes.
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$25,000.00

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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