



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

HOMETOWN HEALTH, LLC

RURAL HOSPITAL SWING BED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM GRANT

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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; and• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	Rural Hospital Swing Bed Management Program will provide rural Prospective Payment System (PPS) hospitals with expert training and technical assistance for their staff to understand and adhere to the requirements of 42 C.F.R. § 482.58, Special Requirements for Hospital Providers of Long-Term Care Services ("swing-beds"), including the requirements set forth in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Conditions of Participation (CoP) and corresponding Interpretive Guidelines, (also known as the State Operations Manual), Appendix T, Regulations and Interpretive Guidelines for Swing Beds in Hospitals, and with monitoring patient outcomes, ongoing quality improvement efforts, and with increased utilization and revenue for post-acute care services.
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$200,000.00

FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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