



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT  
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**LONG TERM CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE**

**AMERICAN MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S (AMDA) CLINICAL PRACTICE**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **LTC QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE/AMDA CLINICAL PRACTICES**

<b>AGENCY BACKGROUND</b>	<p>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.</p>
<b>PROGRAM OVERVIEW</b>	<p>Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR), a division of the Department of Community Health (DCH), is responsible for health care planning, licensing, certification and oversight of various health care facilities and services in Georgia. The division was created in 2009 as a result of the passage of two laws, HB 228 (2009) and SB 433 (2008). These laws transferred functions previously performed by the Office of Regulatory Services to DCH in 2009.</p> <p>Healthcare Facility Regulation (HFR) manage licenses, monitors and inspects a variety of facilities and services through Health Care Licensing, including hospitals, assisted living facilities, personal care homes and nursing homes that equates to more than 15,000 health care facilities and services. The division investigates complaints and inspects these and other health care facilities. HFR is the state survey agency performing federal certification inspections in health care facilities participating in the Medicare and/or Medicaid programs.</p>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award the University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$251,871 to improve the quality of care of nursing home residents in six Southeastern U.S. states by increasing the knowledge and skills of certified nursing home health care professionals and direct care staff as well as key stakeholders. This is a regional Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) award approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS), which authorizes training to be provided in the participating CMS Region IV states of Alabama, <b>Georgia</b>, Florida, Kentucky, Mississippi and South Carolina.</p> <p>The purpose of the grant is to provide over a three year period a multi-state quality improvement initiative to develop a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Region IV website at the University of Louisville and provide the Clinical Practice Guidelines (CPGs) and other resources developed by the American Medical Director's Association (AMDA) – The Society for Post-Acute and Long Term Care Medicine.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the University of Louisville Research Foundation, Inc. is a component of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) funds that meets the federal grant requirements and as such were named as the recipient in the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) federal grant application.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$251,871.00</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Arnita E. Watson at <a href="mailto:awatson@dch.ga.gov">awatson@dch.ga.gov</a> no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 12, 2015</p>	