



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

**GEORGIA FQHC DENTIST ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

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<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.</p> <p>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>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 &amp; 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"><li>• Empower communities to strengthen and maintain the best possible health care using existing resources;</li><li>• Provide up-to-date health systems information and technical assistance;</li><li>• Build strong partnerships to meet local and regional needs;</li><li>• Provide incentives to local areas to implement integrated service delivery systems; and</li><li>• Be the single point of contact for all regional issues related to health care.</li></ul>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce \$300,000 to establish a two year loan repayment program to assist in the recruitment of dentist in Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) in an effort to increase access to oral health services throughout the State, particularly to underserved populations.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the Georgia Board for Physician Workforce meets the federal requirements.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$300,000.00</b>

### **TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION**

Lloyd Richardson, Grant Specialist at [LRichardson@dch.ga.gov](mailto:LRichardson@dch.ga.gov) no later than 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 22, 2013