



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# **NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD**

**STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH**

**GEORGIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

**FLEX ST-ELEVATION MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (STEMI)  
SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

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## **GEORGIA HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOUNDATION FLEX ST-ELEVATION MYOCARDIA INFARCTION (STEMI) SYSTEM DEVELOPMENT GRANT**

<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>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 of SORH 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> <p>The purpose of the Georgia Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Grant is to develop a STEMI system of care in rural Southwest Georgia. The program will include the implementation of standardized chest pain/STEMI treatment protocols that address optimal care delivery processes across the continuum of care with the capability to reduce mortality and morbidity for STEMI patients as well as to improve their overall quality of care.</p>
<b>AWARD JUSTIFICATION</b>	<p>The Flex STEMI was approved by DCH as a direct award due to Georgia Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation's (GHAREF) ability to collect, analyze and provide required program data. GHA employs a physician who will serve the project on a peer-to-peer level. DCH intends to award GHAREF the amount of \$75,000.00. DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the GHAREF meets the federal requirements.</p>
<b>AWARD(S)</b>	<b>TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$75,000.00</b>

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

Romero M. Stokes, Grant Manager at [rstokes@dch.ga.gov](mailto:rstokes@dch.ga.gov) no later than  
2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2015