



**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT
OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**HEALTHCARE FACILITY REGULATION DIVISION
CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)
CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES GRANT (CMPs)**

GEORGIA HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION

**GEORGIA SKILLED NURSING FACILITY INFECTION CONTROL
CERTIFICATION PROJECT GRANT**

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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CMS/CMP - GEORGIA SKILLED NURSING FACILITY INFECTION CONTROL CERTIFICATION PROJECT GRANT

AGENCY BACKGROUND	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) has the responsibility for insuring over ten 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 Healthcare Facility Regulation Division (HFRD), is responsible for health care planning, licensing, certification and oversight of various health care facilities and services in Georgia.</p> <p>In 2011, the division also became responsible for providing direction for the Certificate of Need (CON) program in recognition of the value of integrating the administration of health planning with health care regulation.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects fines or civil monetary penalties (CMPs) which are Georgia's (GA) Medicaid portion of penalties assessed in CMP agreements between the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and penalized nursing homes. Monies collected by CMS are transmitted to and kept in a fund managed by Georgia. CMP funds may be used by GA for any project that directly benefits facility residents in accordance with regulations. Project categories are as follows: direct improvement to quality of care; resident or family councils, culture change/quality of life; consumer information; transition preparation; training; and resident transition due to facility closure or downsizing. CMS has approval authority for the use of all civil money penalty funds proposed by GA and /or directly by CMS.</p> <p>HFRD manages licenses, monitors and inspects a variety of facilities and services including hospitals, assisted living facilities, personal home care homes and nursing homes facilities. The division investigates complaints and inspects health care facilities within Georgia.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>Georgia Health Care Association was awarded a civil money penalty (CMP) funds grant by CMS for \$53,344.00 to support infection control certification training for one clinician in 50 targeted, skilled nursing facilities (SNF) in Georgia and to enhance infection prevention and control programs in SNFs through standardized evidenced based learning.</p> <p>The overall project goals are to: 1) Support certification of one (1) clinician who will be responsible for the infection prevention and control program in each of the 50 targeted SNFs in Georgia; 2) Conduct post-certification Infection Control Assessment & Response (ICAR) audits in a cohort of centers (of the targeted 50 SNFs) that previously had ICARs conducted by a Department of Public Health representative; and 3) Analyze baseline quality measures (e.g. UTI, vaccinations) and infection control deficiency citations on standard surveys with comparative analysis post education and certification.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$53,344.00
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Joanne Mitchell, Grants Manager at jmitchell@dch.ga.gov</p>	