

## NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

STATE OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH

MORHEOUSE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
GEORGIA HEALTH INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXTENSION CENTER
(GA-HITEC)

FY19 PATIENT CENTERED MEDICAL HOME (PCMH) RURAL GRANT

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## **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

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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 Office of Financial Management is responsible for the financial interests of the
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	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.  The primary objectives include the following:  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 heath care.
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	As a <b>legislative mandated</b> direct award, the FY19 Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Rural Grant will support rural primary care physician practices in improving quality of care and patients' and providers' experience of care through the PCMH health care delivery model.
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$150,000.00

## FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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