



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
COMMUNITY HEALTH

# NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**THIRD TRIMESTER HIV TESTING**

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# **DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

## **THIRD TRIMESTER HIV TESTING**

### **AGENCY BACKGROUND**

The Georgia Department of Community Health (DCH) was created in 1999 by Senate Bill 241 to serve as the lead agency for health care planning and purchasing issues in Georgia. DCH is the single state agency for Medicaid and insures 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.

In 2009, Healthcare Facility Regulation was created at DCH from sections transferred from the former Department of Human Resources Office of Regulatory Services. At that same time, the Divisions of Public Health and Emergency Preparedness and Response transitioned to the DCH.

Within DCH, the Division of Public Health (DPH) is responsible for disease control and prevention, the reduction of avoidable injury-related deaths and disabilities, and the promotion of healthy lifestyles. The HIV Prevention Unit in DPH is charged with the mission of reducing HIV transmission and providing excellence in Georgia's HIV/AIDS services through innovation and community partnership. The HIV Unit is dedicated to the provision of education, information, and health care services that promote and protect the health of all Georgians.

### **PROGRAM BACKGROUND**

The HIV Prevention Program coordinates the Statewide HIV Prevention Community Planning Group, develops and implements the Comprehensive HIV Prevention Plan, coordinates the HIV testing program and data reporting for the state, and provides capacity building and training for community partners and public health staff. The HIV Prevention Program also provides funding to community based organizations and health districts covering all 18 health districts in Georgia.

The activities covered under the HIV Prevention Program include:

- HIV Counseling and Testing
- HIV Prevention Interventions
- HIV Prevention Community Planning
- Pregnant Women and HIV Testing

### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The "Georgia HIV Pregnancy Screening Act of 2007," [House Bill 429](#), requires every physician and health care provider who assumes responsibility for the prenatal care of pregnant women during gestation and at delivery to test every pregnant woman for HIV except in cases where the woman refuses the testing.

The purpose of the Third Trimester HIV Testing Grant is to reduce the transmission of HIV for patients at Regional Perinatal Centers. The expected outcomes of this program will:

- Increase the proportion of HIV infected women of childbearing age in Georgia who know they are infected.
- Establish repeat HIV screening during the third trimester at designated facilities among 75% of pregnant women.
- Decrease perinatal transmission by .5 percent.

### **AWARD JUSTIFICATION**

DCH intends to award four (4) grants in the amount of \$15,000 each to the four (4) Regional Perinatal Centers. These centers will implement Third Trimester HIV Testing. DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that the organizations named below are designated as a Regional Perinatal Centers.

- Columbus Regional Medical Center
- Memorial Health University Medical Center
- Medical Center of Georgia
- Phoebe-Putney memorial Hospital

### **AWARD(S)**

**TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$ 15,000.00**

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

Kristal Y. Thompson – Black, Grant Administrator at [kblack@dch.ga.gov](mailto:kblack@dch.ga.gov) no later than 2:00 PM on Monday, August 9, 2010