



GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY HEALTH

NOTICE OF DIRECT AWARD

**CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM
REAUTHORIZATION ACT (CHIPRA)**

PEACHCARE FOR KIDS PROGRAM

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DIRECT AWARD JUSTIFICATION

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AGENCY BACKGROUND	<p>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.</p> <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 Division of Medical Assistance administers the PeachCare for Kids program, which is a comprehensive health care program for uninsured children living in Georgia. PeachCare for Kids benefits include primary, preventive, specialist, dental care and vision care; the program also covers hospitalization, emergency room services, prescription medications and mental health care.</p>
PROGRAM OVERVIEW	<p>In 1998 the Georgia General Assembly voted to create a program within Georgia called "PeachCare for Kids" which would provide Georgia children eligible for State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) with benefits similar to those already offered by Medicaid. The PeachCare for Kids program provides health care benefits for uninsured children from birth through the age of 18 in families with income at or below 235 percent of the Federal Poverty Level. The PeachCare for Kids is funded by the State of Georgia, the U.S. Federal Government (Title XXI funds) and premiums collected for children ages 6 through 18.</p>
AWARD JUSTIFICATION	<p>The Georgia Department of Community Health intends to award Policy Studies Incorporated (PSI) a grant in the amount of \$600,000 to develop and implement an on-line pre-populated review form to expedite renewals with the PeachCare for Kids program. In addition, PSI will assist in the development and implementation of an electronic referral from Medicaid to PeachCare for Kids and implement an on-line renewal module within the PeachCare for Kids program.</p> <p>DCH presents this funding as a direct award in that PSI meets the federal requirements. This award has one option for renewal through July 2013.</p>
AWARD(S)	TOTAL DIRECT AWARD FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$600,000.00

TO SUBMIT INQUIRIES TO THIS DIRECT AWARD NOTIFICATION

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