



## **ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

**Center for Local Public Health**

**Office of Rural Health and Primary Care**

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### **NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY**

**For**

Arkansas Critical Access Hospital

Operational Assessment

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**Date Issued**

November 3, 2014

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## Notice of Available Funds for Operational Assessment November 3, 2014

Arkansas' Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant (CAH/FLEX) Program will support nine (9) Critical Access Hospital Operational Assessments. Pending availability of funds, the Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC) will fund Operational Assessments for nine (9) Critical Access Hospitals (CAH) on a first come, first serve basis. iVantage Health Analytics, Inc. will support the INCONTROL™ Operational Assessment application to benchmark hospital revenues and compare payors; benchmark hospital contract rates per DRG; benchmark hospital payments, creating a link between rates and actual payments.

Participating Critical Access Hospitals that provide a full functional and clinical data feed will receive an assessment focused on revenue based upon INCONTROL™ analytics.

Participating Critical Access Hospitals that provide a functional data feed only (General Ledger, Payroll and Volume stats) will receive a functional assessment based upon INDICATOR™ analytics. iVantage Health Analytics will round out the clinical view with MedPar-based clinical cost review. Financial benchmarks will be included.

Participating Critical Access Hospitals that are challenged to provide *any* data will receive an analysis that includes a review of clinical costs, charges, financial benchmarks and an outmigration analysis.

### Selection Criteria:

The first nine (9) Critical Access Hospital Administrators (Chief Executive Officer or Chief Financial Officer) to apply via email will be accepted. If additional funds become available, additional CAHs will be selected based upon date and time the CAH Administrator's email was received.

### Participation Requirements:

1. CAH Administrator agrees to be actively involved and engaged to facilitate improvement activities and implement recommendations.
2. CAH Administrator agrees to commit necessary hospital staff to facilitate improvement activities and implement recommendations (it is the hospital administrator's responsibility to take action to implement recommendations).
3. CAH Administrator agrees to work collaboratively with the Flex Grant Coordinator to document successes, outcomes, and lessons learned from the project.

To find out more about this program, please contact Melissa Turner, Flex Grant Coordinator at (501) 661-2200 or via email at [Melissa.Turner@arkansas.gov](mailto:Melissa.Turner@arkansas.gov).

**Requests for consideration must be written on hospital letterhead, signed by the CAH Administrator and emailed to [Melissa.Turner@arkansas.gov](mailto:Melissa.Turner@arkansas.gov), no later than 3:00 pm on Friday, November 14, 2014.**