



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Center for Local Public Health

Office of Rural Health and Primary Care

NOTICE OF FUNDS AVAILABILITY

For

Arkansas Critical Access Hospital
Financial/Operational Improvement

Date Issued

October 14, 2013



**Notice of Available Funds for Financial/Operational Improvement
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Arkansas' Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Grant (CAH/FLEX) Program will support a minimum of two (2) Critical Access Hospital financial/operational improvement projects. Pending availability of funds, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care (ORHPC) will fund projects to a minimum of two (2) Critical Access Hospitals on a first come, first served basis. iVantage Health Analytics, Inc. will support the implementation of a comprehensive Operational Assessment application to identify cost, revenue and departmental productivity strengths and improvement opportunities. Participating Critical Access Hospitals will receive a comprehensive audit of cost, revenue and departmental productivity performance, including an analysis of top recommendations that will result in greater financial and operational improvement based on internal and external benchmarks. Using this analysis participating Critical Access Hospitals will evaluate the most relevant opportunities and with technical assistance, select one or more improvement interventions.

Selection Criteria:

The first two (2) 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 work with the Flex Grant Coordinator and iVantage Health Analytics personnel to develop a Scope of Work. The Scope of Work will include a timeline for the project and measurable outcomes.
3. 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.
4. CAH Administrator agrees to work collaboratively with the Flex Grant Coordinator to document successes, outcomes, and lessons learned from the project and provide a written report to the Flex Grant Coordinator no later than September 30, 2014.
5. CAH Administrator agrees to give a brief presentation of their facility's project during the CAH Administrators' Meeting scheduled for September 9, 2014.
6. CAH Administrator agrees to participate in follow-up calls at 6 months and 12 months after the project ends to document post-project successes, outcomes, and lessons learned.

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.

Your request for consideration must be written on hospital letterhead and signed by the CAH Administrator. The request must be received via email no later than 3:00 pm on October 24, 2013.

Please email request to:

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