



## OFFICE OF PLANNING AND BUDGET

**Nathan Deal**  
Governor

**Debbie Dlugolenski**  
Director

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Trauma Commission  
From: Debbie Dlugolenski *dd*  
Re: FY 2012 Budget

The FY 2012 appropriations act includes an item for \$2,500,000 in federal Health Information Exchange funds to fund the trauma communications network. I am writing to clarify that these federal funds are provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the purpose of implementing a Health Information Exchange (HIE). The Department of Community Health (DCH) has the responsibility of managing these funds and making awards to sub-grantees through a competitive process.

The Georgia Trauma Care Network Commission is authorized to apply for any HIE sub-award opportunities offered by the DCH. Through the competitive process, all applications will be evaluated against the federal grant criteria and the HIE strategic plan. Any sub-awards must also be approved the federal Office of the National Coordinator.

Because the \$2,500,000 in federal funds must be subject to a competitive awards process, OPB will ask the Commission to amend the \$2,500,000 in federal funds out of its budget in FY 2012 AOB amendment number one.

Thank you for the work you do.

c: David Cook  
Vince Harris  
Russell Crutchfield

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