



SHIP Grant Activity Options Webinar

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SHIP Grant Program began in 2002 to help small, rural hospitals meet the costs of implementing PPS data systems.

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SHIP Grant assists hospitals that

- are rural, non-Federal, short-term acute care facilities
- staff 49 beds or less (License limit or Medicare Cost Report, Part I of Worksheet S-3)

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Current SHIP Grant Year

September 1, 2013 – August 31, 2014

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September 1 – Grant funding received; grant agreements prepared; project period begins	March
October	April
November	May
December	June 30
January	July
February	August 31 - Project period ends

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Formal grant agreements are signed by the
Office of Primary Care and Rural Health
(OPCRH) and each participating hospital.

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Once the grant agreement is fully executed (signed by the hospital CEO, the State Health Officer, and the Governor), the hospital is ready to make its SHIP purchases.

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Priority Activities for 2013 – 2014

1. CAHs only - Medicare Beneficiary Quality Improvement Project (MBQIP)
2. HCAHPS training, software, implementation
3. ICD-10 training, software, implementation

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Add'l Approved Activities for 2013 – 2014

4. Efficiency Training (Six Sigma, LEAN, etc.)
5. CPOE, Pharmaceutical Operations (projects/systems), Disease Registry Connectivity
6. Nurse staffing consultation
7. White boards for in-patient rooms
8. Telemedicine connectivity costs/fees
9. Community paramedicine equipment/training
10. Chargemaster review costs
11. FIN data mining benchmarking costs

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Grant Procedures:

1. Activity must be pre-approved
2. Hospital purchases goods or services
3. Hospital submits reimbursement request consisting of:
 - A. Completed and signed reimbursement form
 - B. Copy of purchase invoice
 - C. Copy of the payment check

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DEADLINE to file for reimbursement – June 30, 2014

BUT purchases may cover entire grant period
September 1, 2013, through August 31, 2014

Example – Can be reimbursed for HCAHPS for full grant period, including July and August, but must pay for them first and submit reimbursement request by June 30

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Penalties for failure to use funding –

You **cannot** be allowed to participate in the subsequent grant year!

Result – **\$15,000 lost** - this year's grant AND next year's grant

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Next Year's Activities – This year's PLUS

1. Baldrige or systems performance training
2. Quality Health Indicator (QHi)
3. S-10 Cost Reporting Improvements (reporting uncompensated care)

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Next Year's Activities – Con't

4. ED Transfer Communication Improvement
 5. Readmission and/or Infection Reduction Training
 6. Medical Provider QI
 7. Telemedicine or mobile health equipment
 8. Community Paramedicine equipment or training
 9. HIE subscription
- (#4 - 9 to reduce readmission rate over last year)

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January	July
February - Hospital grant applications due for next project period (Sept - Aug)	August 31 - Project period ends

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Hospital applications are generally
completed in January – February for
subsequent grant funding
(September 1 – August 31)

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OPCRH website, SHIP web page -

www.adph.org/ruralhealth and click on SHIP

The screenshot shows the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) website. The left sidebar contains a list of links, with 'SHIP Program' highlighted by a red arrow. The main content area displays the 'Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP)' page, which includes a description of the program, funding categories, and contact information for the SHIP Program Manager Debra Robbins.

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Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP)

The Small Rural Hospital Improvement Grant Program (SHIP) was first authorized by the Balanced Budget Refinement Act of 1999 of the Social Security Act. The original purpose of the SHIP grant was to help small rural hospitals meet the costs of implementing data systems required to meet requirements of the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS). Since that time, funding has also supported HIPAA compliance, programs to reduce medical errors and support quality improvement, and health information technology.

Currently, the SHIP grant supports activities in four eligible funding categories:

- Prospective Payment System (PPS) implementation and updating;
- Accountable Care Organization (ACO) concepts to improve quality outcomes;
- Payment Bundling (Bundling) to build accountability across the continuum of care; and
- Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) to improve data collection.

Alabama's SHIP grant is administered by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) through the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health (OPCRH). In 2014, twenty-seven hospitals are eligible as non-Federal, short-term, general acute care facilities, with forty-nine staffed beds or less, located in rural Alabama.

The OPCRH supports SHIP hospitals by assisting their pursuit of financial viability and quality improvement, and as they serve as essential access points for Medicare, Medicaid, and uninsured patients. The OPCRH further supports SHIP hospitals by collecting and disseminating health information, coordinating rural resources, providing technical assistance, promoting recruitment to improve access to rural health care, and strengthening partnerships, all of which are goals of the State Office of Rural Health.

SHIP eligible hospitals must complete a grant application to receive grant funding.

To receive reimbursement for the activity/item purchased, the hospital must submit a [Reimbursement Request](#) complete with receipts, signatures, and payment documentation (copy of check or check number). Reimbursement cannot exceed the maximum grant funds awarded.

Any questions about an activity, reimbursement, or procedures should be directed to the SHIP Program Manager Debra Robbins at Debra.Robbins@adph.state.al.us or (334) 206-5441.

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Questions?

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Consider combining "Questions" and "Contact Info" slides. This slide will be displayed when you finish talking and throughout questions and answers. It gives them time to write down contact info, if they need to.

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