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Georgia Family Planning System will provide Statewide Family Planning Services

ATLANTA – July 29, 2014 – The Family Health Centers of Georgia, Inc. (FHCGA) will use \$23.4 million from Title X grant award to fund statewide collaboration of family planning medical providers. FHCGA will serve as the grant administrator with an annual operating budget of \$7.8 million over an initial three-year grant award period.

The collaboration, Georgia Family Planning System, consists of Federally Qualified Community Health Centers (FQHCs), Grady Health Systems and Planned Parenthood Southeast. FQHCs are 501(c) 3, not-for-profit, community health centers who have been providing quality comprehensive healthcare services, including family planning, to medically under-served populations for more than 40 years. In addition to providing family planning services, FQHCs provide preconception health and prenatal care for those women who desire to be pregnant, therefore increasing the opportunities for positive health outcomes for both the mother and the baby. Offering an array of healthcare services, including OB/GYN, pediatrics, adult medicine, dental and behavioral health, FQHCs serve as safety nets in communities throughout Georgia for un-insured and under-insured patients to establish primary care medical homes. The collaboration will provide more than 170 family planning access points across the state.

This funding represents the first time that a Title X grant has been awarded to a network that consists mostly of FQHCs since Title X's conception in 1970. "Ninety percent of the grant funds will be used to deliver patient care," said Dr. Michael W. Brooks, President & CEO of The Family Health Centers of Georgia. "Our goal is to decrease the rate of unintended pregnancies in the state, provide prenatal care during pregnancy for those women who desire to be pregnant, and deliver post pregnancy care for both the mother and the child."

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Brooks added, "We are confident the Georgia Family Planning System can meet the family planning needs of citizens throughout the state, and appreciate the federal government's vote of confidence in our program. We welcome the support of our partners across the state."

About The Family Health Centers of Georgia, Inc.

The Family Health Centers of Georgia, Inc., a not-for-profit, 501(c) 3, federally qualified community health center, has been providing comprehensive preventive healthcare to medically under-served populations in the Atlanta Metropolitan Service Area (MSA) since 1976. FHCGA presently operates eight center locations, including a mobile medical & dental unit and a school-based health center. FHCGA is the first community health center in the Georgia, and the second in the Southeast, to be accredited by The Joint Commission as a Patient Centered Medical Home. In 2014, FHCGA earned the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) "Recognized- Level 3 on Achievement of Recognition for Systematic use of Patient-Centered, Coordinated Care Management Processes" certification. In 2013, FHCGA provided healthcare services to 21,882 patients, generating 50,427 patient visits. For more information about The Family Health Centers of Georgia, visit www.fhcg.org.

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