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DOR to Begin Accepting RHO Applications July 1, 2018

On May 2, 2018, Governor Deal signed House Bill 769 (HB 769). This bill is effective on July 1, 2018 and makes changes to the Qualified Rural Hospital Organization (RHO) Expense Tax Credit. Along with other changes, this bill changes the amount of the credit from 90% of the donation to 100% of the donation and for preapprovals submitted on or after July 1, 2018, removes the limits on donations by individuals. To comply with HB 769, beginning Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 12:01am, taxpayers will be able to request preapproval using the new provisions provided in HB 769.

All RHO Tax Credit Applications must still be preapproved by the Department through the Department's [Georgia Tax Center](#) (GTC). As before, applications are preapproved on a first-come, first-served basis. The date and time the preapproval form is submitted on GTC is used to determine the first-come, first-served basis. There is no proration based on the date an application is received.

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