

# Indigent Care Trust Fund

The Indigent Care Trust Fund (ICTF) was established via passage of a state constitutional amendment in 1990. The use of funds deposited in the ICTF are limited to the following purposes:

- Expand Medicaid eligibility and services;
- Support rural and other health care providers, primarily hospitals, that serve the medically indigent;
- Fund primary health care programs for medically indigent Georgians; and
- Promote healthy pregnancies and childbirth by awarding grants to nonprofit organizations that provide pregnancy support services.

## Inside the H

**It is a common misconception that hospitals can submit unpaid bills of indigent patients to the Indigent Care Trust Fund and receive payment.**

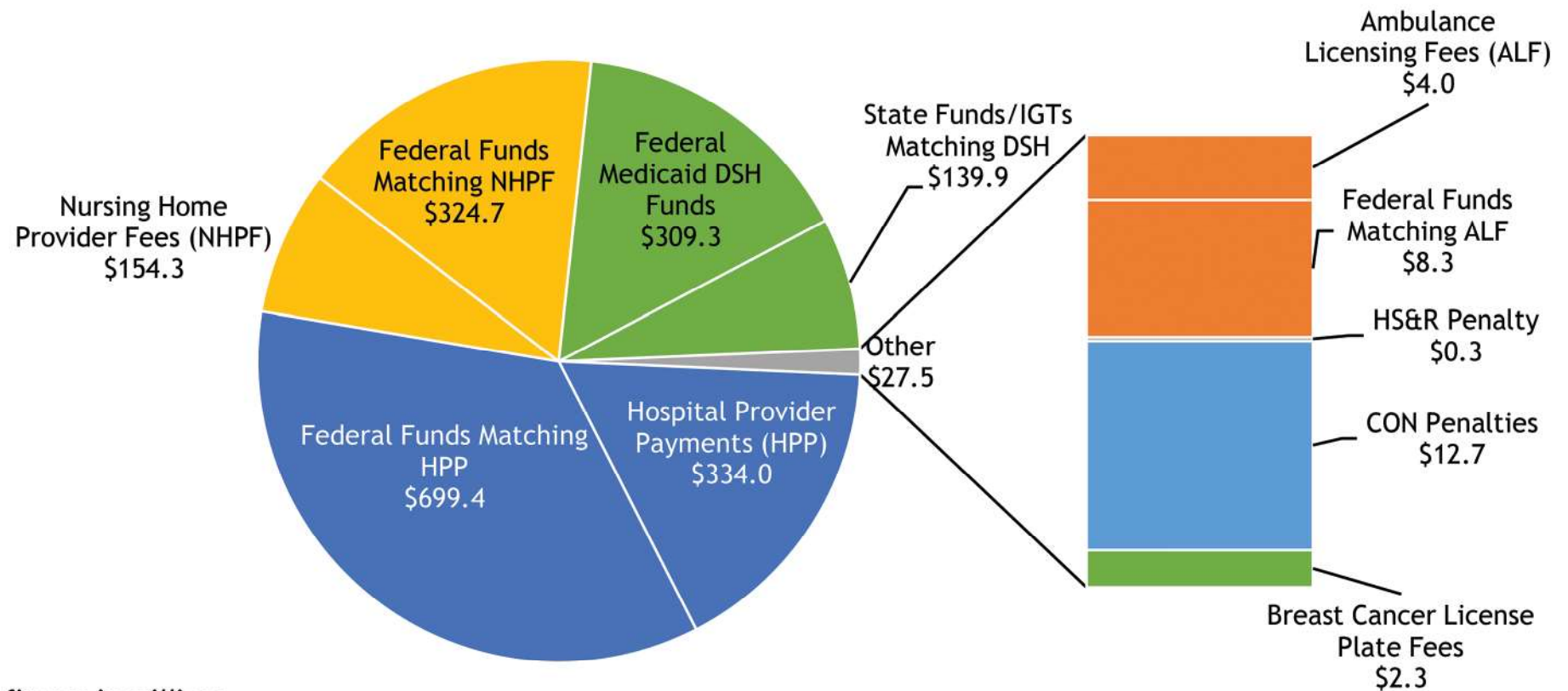
**Instead, the ICTF is a dedicated fund used to house and spend revenues received from the federal Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital program, provider fees, breast cancer car license plate fees, ambulance licensing fees, and Certificate of Need (CON) penalties.**

**See Figure 14 on page 47 for the distribution of funds types in the ICTF in 2019.<sup>72</sup>**

**The specific uses of ICTF revenues are dictated by various state statutes and reflected in the annual appropriations act; however, they must be compliant with the general provisions of the state constitutional amendment.**

Figure 14

## FY 2019 Indigent Care Trust Fund Revenues = \$2.0 Billion



*figures in millions*