



## **MultiPlan Awards \$30,000 in Grants to Ten Rural Hospitals**

(New York, NY) September 20, 2010 – MultiPlan, Inc., the nation’s oldest and largest provider of independent PPO networks, today announced the recipients of its 2010 Rural Health Outreach Grant Program.

The ten facilities receiving this year’s grants were selected from 123 applications and represent a diverse array of programs focused on improving the health of people living in rural areas. Grant recipients will each receive \$3,000 to help them introduce or expand services, education, screenings and other healthcare related endeavors that support the wellbeing of the people in their communities.

The recipients of the 2010 MultiPlan Rural Health Outreach Grant are:

- El Campo Memorial Hospital in El Campo, Texas will use the grant to expand its Free Community Health Screenings and Health Prevention Education program. Through this program, El Campo Memorial hosts health screening and information events at local businesses to reach the people who work in the community.
- Fairmont General Hospital in Fairmont, West Virginia will purchase an Advanced Life Support baby mannequin for its Pediatric Advanced Life support (PALS) Program.
- Jones Regional Medical Center in Anamosa, Iowa will implement bereavement counseling training to staff to support their emergency room patients.
- McCready Memorial Hospital in Crisfield, Maryland will use the Grant to make its existing fitness outreach program safer for local residents by installing a defibrillator in its exercise center.
- North Country Hospital in Newport, Vermont is using its grant funding to broaden its Asthma Education and Prevention Project. The project seeks to improve the quality of life in young people with asthma through counseling, support and education provided at the school setting. The program will also collaborate with local schools, public health departments and NCH public relations to raise community awareness about asthma.
- Oneida County Hospital in Malad City, Idaho will sponsor a community health fair providing education and health screenings targeting unemployed and disadvantaged residents of Oneida County.
- Ozarks Medical Center in West Plains, Missouri will expand its Community Wide Breast Cancer Screening program with a Breast Cancer Screening event in October. The event will include free screenings along with education about self-examinations, exercise and nutrition.
- Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania will use its grant to support the Familia Saludables (Healthy Families) program. The program helps area Hispanic residents with access to healthcare and health information by providing health screening events in the community along with interpretive services and Spanish language health literature.
- Tomah Memorial Hospital, in Tomah, Wisconsin will use the grant to help host its 1st Annual Men’s Health Event. The goal of the event is to reduce health risks and healthcare costs by

helping men identify their healthcare risks and providing them with the tools and resources needed to maintain a healthy lifestyle.

- Via Christi Hospital in Pittsburg, Kansas is using the grant to help fund its skin cancer education and prevention program. The Summer Skin Safety program will bring summer skin safety education to students at local schools and provide sunscreen at two area municipal swimming pools.

MultiPlan introduced its Rural Health Outreach Grant in 1995 and since then has awarded nearly \$360,000 to rural healthcare facilities that participate in MultiPlan's networks. For more information about the MultiPlan Rural Health Outreach Grant and other community-related programs offered to MultiPlan participating hospitals, visit the MultiPlan website at [www.multiplan.com/providers](http://www.multiplan.com/providers).

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