



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

(New York, NY) September 20, 2007 – MultiPlan, Inc., the nation’s oldest and largest independent PPO network, today announced the recipients of its 2007 Rural Health Outreach Grant Program. Since 1995, MultiPlan has awarded nearly \$250,000 to rural facilities participating in the PHCS Network or The Multiplan Network® to enable them to introduce a new service, expand an existing service, educate, screen or reach out to a new population, or otherwise serve their communities.

“Over 54 million Americans receive their healthcare at rural hospitals. These facilities often face significant challenges in delivering this vital care,” notes Dr. Paul Goldstein, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of MultiPlan. “We hope that the grants will enable these rural hospitals to better meet the needs of people in their communities by helping to fund programs or services that might not be possible otherwise.”

The following facilities have been selected from the more than 100 applications received this year:

Adirondack Medical Center (Saranac Lake, NY) plans to use this grant money to continue providing health care to local residents that may not have access to healthcare through established clinics. The grant will also provide community members a source of regular healthcare and help them to establish a healthcare provider.

Caverna Memorial Hospital (Horse Cave, KY) will be starting smoking cessation classes at little or no cost to participants. The grant will assist in the purchase of facilitator kits, training materials and nicotine replacement products.

Coffeyville Regional Medical Center (Coffeyville, KS) will begin the "Think Fit for Teens" program. The program will address the growing issue of overweight adolescents by educating teens and their parents about health decision making in areas such as personal health, emotional needs, and sustainable lifestyle habits.

FirstHealth of the Carolinas (Pinehurst, NC) will develop and implement FirstReach – a program designed to educate minority citizens on the signs and symptoms of diabetes, the importance of diabetes management and techniques for living with diabetes.

Frio Regional Hospital (Pearsall, TX) will use the grant money to begin a Health and Wellness program by purchasing supplies and educational materials.

Hermann Area District Hospital (Hermann, MO) will continue their free health screenings to local residents at their annual health fairs in the Owensville community.

Lincoln County Medical Center (Troy, MI) will purchase equipment for the Emergency Room to better serve infant and pediatric patients.

Prosser Memorial Hospital (Prosser, WA) will expand outreach for childbirth education classes for first-time moms through its Prenatal and Infant Learning Opportunities and Nurturing Program (PILON). The program's goal is to improve neonatal and maternal outcomes by creating and implementing a seamless OB delivery system.

St. Joseph's Mercy Health Center (Hot Springs, AR) will enhance its Mercy Mammography Outreach Program to increase the probability of early detection of breast cancer for low-income and or uninsured women in South Central Arkansas.

West Branch Regional Medical Center (West Branch, MI) will develop a community outreach program called Healthaccess, designed to bridge the gap between uninsured and underinsured individuals and programs available to them. Healthaccess helps those in need find affordable medical and dental care, prescription drugs, home nursing assistance, hospice services, and also other commodities such as food, heat, rent, electric and telephone assistance.

For more information about this program and other community-related programs offered to MultiPlan hospitals, visit the MultiPlan website at www.multiplan.com/providers.

About MultiPlan

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