



## **MULTIPLAN AWARDS \$30,000 IN GRANTS TO TEN RURAL HOSPITALS**

*(New York, NY) September 21, 2011* – MultiPlan, Inc., the nation’s oldest and largest provider of independent PPO networks, today announced the recipients of its 2011 Rural Health Outreach Grant Program.

The ten facilities receiving this year’s grants were selected from 114 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 2011 MultiPlan Rural Health Outreach Grant are:

- Baptist Health Medical Center in Arkadelphia, Arkansas will use their grant to purchase a swimming pool lift to help provide therapeutic services for the handicapped and seniors offered through their Baptist Health Community Assist Program.
- Barnesville Hospital Association in Barnesville, Ohio will purchase a computerized neurocognitive testing program used to evaluate and monitor concussions for athletes at four high schools participating in the “Preventing Post Concussion Syndrome in High School Athletes” program.
- Cascade Medical Center in Cascade, Idaho will expand their existing ER services with the purchase of a Broselow Crash Cart used to help assess and treat traumas in pediatric patients.
- Grant Regional Health Center in Lancaster, Wisconsin will use the grant funding in their “Stroke Awareness” program to facilitate training sessions, provide educational supplies and materials for healthcare professionals, and to promote the program throughout the community.
- Margaretville Memorial Hospital in Margaretville, New York will fund its “Nutritional Wellness for Kids” program, which seeks to improve the nutritional health of the community by educating and engaging students and their families on nutrition, healthy eating habits, and chronic disease prevention.
- Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center in Mattoon, Illinois will use the grant to support its “Jump Start” program, a week-long, summer day camp where pre-teen and teen-age children participate in physical fitness activities, learn about nutrition, and build self-esteem, giving them the tools to make life-long healthy choices.
- Sayre Memorial Hospital in Sayre, Oklahoma will use their grant to help purchase Emergency Room equipment that will help hasten diagnosis and treatment for patients suffering from coronary distress.

- Saint Francis Hospital in Maryville, Missouri will expand their “Preventing Diabetes – One Child at a Time” program to educate 5th and 6th grade students and their families about Diabetes and its prevention, and to motivate them to make behavior changes that lower their risk of developing type 2 diabetes.
- Stephens County Hospital in Toccoa, Georgia will use the grant to purchase equipment and training materials to support its “Advanced Cardiac Life Support Program.”
- Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, New Hampshire, through its “Healthcare within the Home” program, will purchase 14 health monitoring systems that allow for daily patient monitoring for patients transitioning to Home Care or Hospice services. These systems allow for more immediate access to patient data that can be shared with physicians and family members.

MultiPlan introduced its Rural Health Outreach Grant in 1995 and since then has awarded nearly \$390,000 to rural healthcare facilities that participate in MultiPlan’s networks. For more information about the MultiPlan Rural Health Outreach Grant and other programs that help support MultiPlan participating hospitals and the patients they serve, visit the MultiPlan website at [www.multiplan.com/providers](http://www.multiplan.com/providers).

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