Rural Health Outreach Grant Program

MultiPlan grants help member facilities in rural areas serve the healthcare needs of their communities.

MultiPlan knows that a hospital’s relationship with its community is integral to its ability to serve its residents. That’s why, since 1995, we’ve offered grants to participating rural hospitals. Since then, MultiPlan’s Rural Health Outreach Grant Program has awarded nearly $390,000 to help rural healthcare facilities reach out within their communities with healthcare services and educational programs.

2011 Rural Health Outreach Grant Winners

In 2011, we awarded the following ten hospitals grants of $3,000 each.

- **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 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.
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→ **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.

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