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 more than $460,000 to help rural healthcare facilities reach out within their communities with healthcare services and educational programs.

2014 Rural Health Outreach Grant Winners

In 2014, we awarded the following four hospitals grants of $7,500 each.

→ **Herington Municipal Hospital** in Herington, Kansas. This 25-bed acute care, critical access hospital in rural Kansas will use the grant funding to assist with the purchase of a new Compound Tomography (CT) Scanner. The new equipment will enable radiologists to better interpret images to provide more accurate and potentially lifesaving diagnoses while reducing the level of radiation exposure to patients.

→ **Memorial Hospital** of Union County in Marysville, Ohio. Memorial Hospital is a 97-bed acute and primary care facility serving Union and five surrounding counties. The hospital will use the grant toward the purchase of a Biodex Balance System which screens and assesses the risk of falls. The equipment will be used during free monthly screenings open to all community residents.

→ **St. Alphonsus Medical Center** in Ontario, Oregon. A 49-bed, acute care hospital, St. Alphonsus Medical Center serves one of the most remote and rural areas of the nation with just 3.2 people per square mile. The hospital will use MultiPlan's grant for its “Frontier Healthcare Access Project” to increase access to primary and preventive care for residents of isolated and distant farming and ranching communities in Eastern Oregon. This project will link individuals to preventive care, provide resources toward managing chronic conditions, and address transportation barriers to treatment.

→ **Sierra Vista Hospital** in Truth or Consequences, New Mexico. The county served by Sierra Vista Hospital has been designated a medically underserved area. This 15-bed critical access hospital has been designated a medically underserved area. This 15-bed critical access hospital has been designated a medically underserved area. This 15-bed critical access hospital will use the grant to purchase Pediatric Crash Carts and a Childbirth Training Simulator. This equipment will support the hospital's capabilities to provide pre- and post-natal care as well as pediatric 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.