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Delta Health Awarded Rural Provider Grant for Healthcare System Upgrade

Delta, CO (December 11, 2023) – Delta Health is pleased to announce that it has been awarded a \$650,000 grant through the State of Colorado's Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant Program. The grant is allocated to support the enhancement of Delta Health's electronic health record (EHR) system by adding an oncology module, a hospital-wide scheduling module, and a blood bank module. These upgrades will address critical issues in care coordination by facilitating real-time information sharing across various departments and care settings.

“This grant will be pivotal in advancing patient safety and the quality of care we provide by improving the capabilities of our electronic health record.” stated Julie Huffman, Interim CEO and Chief Legal Officer. “By integrating these modules into our current EHR system, we will enhance patient care and outcomes by eliminating existing paper-based processes.”

The scheduling and blood bank modules will extend their benefits hospital-wide, providing shared analytics and care coordination platforms. The software module will have improved lab workflow and efficiency.

The scheduling module will bring operational efficiency to Delta Health, streamlining check-in processes, and facilitating cross-departmental scheduling. This enhancement is vital for managing care, allowing Delta Health to process patients more efficiently and create a more cohesive care model.

"The implementation of an Oncology module will provide our Oncology and Infusion departments with one streamlined system. It will deliver a comprehensive scheduling module while integrating the key departments to provide the exclusive care for the unique needs of our patient population," stated Nysha Wilson, RN Director of Oncology and Hematology and Infusion. "With these enhancements, we will quickly be able to address care coordination concerns."

The Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant Program, a crucial initiative to improve healthcare access and affordability in rural areas, recognizes the importance of supporting qualified hospitals. Delta Health expresses its gratitude to State Representative and Delta Health Board member, Matt Soper, a key figure in the creation of this grant opportunity. Serving as a prime sponsor to the Bill that allocated funds for rural healthcare, Soper's dedication to the well-being of our community has been instrumental.

“I was proud to be a prime sponsor of the Bill that created the Rural Provider Access and Affordability Stimulus Grant Program in 2020 and very pleased to have successfully added an amendment to the Long Bill which provided an additional \$1 million to the Program to help rural hospitals like Delta Health,” said Soper.

Delta Health remains committed to advancing healthcare in the region and believes that these upgrades will significantly contribute to the overall improvement of patient care, accessibility, and affordability.

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About Delta Health – Delta Health (DH) is a nonprofit, county-wide healthcare system with a 49-bed hospital and at locations throughout Delta County, Colorado. DH's mission is to inspire hope in a healing environment by providing remarkable care. Established in 1913, Delta County Memorial Hospital, now doing business as Delta Health, has been serving the region for over 100 years. DH continues to provide compassionate, quality healthcare that the community can trust. For more information go to deltahealthco.org, like our [Facebook page](#) and follow us on [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [TikTok](#) @DeltaHealthCo. You can also follow our [YouTube](#) page.