



## **MULTIPLAN ANNOUNCES 12TH YEAR OF RURAL HOSPITAL GRANT PROGRAM**

*(New York, NY)*– MultiPlan, Inc., the nation’s oldest and largest independent PPO network, announces availability of applications for its 2007 Rural Health Outreach Grant Program. Through the program, ten member hospitals serving rural areas will be awarded grants in amount of \$3,000 each to introduce a new service, expand an existing service, educate, screen or reach out to a new population, or otherwise serve the community.

Applications for a 2007 Rural Health Grant can be found on MultiPlan’s website at <http://www.multiplan.com/providers/ruralhealthgrants.cfm>. All applications must be submitted by June 29, 2007. Winners will be announced in August.

“MultiPlan knows that a hospital’s relationship with its community – particularly when that community is small – is integral to its ability to serve its residents,” said Kate Mathison, Senior Vice President of Network Development for MultiPlan. “With this program, we help MultiPlan participating rural hospitals improve healthcare where its residents need it the most.”

Since 1995, MultiPlan has awarded over \$210,000 through the Rural Health Outreach Grant Program to help rural hospitals reach out to their area’s residents. A list of the 2006 winners can also be accessed from the company’s website at: [www.multiplan.com](http://www.multiplan.com).

This year, the program is also open to rural hospitals participating in the PHCS Network, which was acquired by MultiPlan in October 2006. For more information or to submit an application, contact us by email at [rural@multiplan.com](mailto:rural@multiplan.com). MultiPlan also offers a pediatric Toy Car Program and Holiday Card Program for participating hospitals.

**About MultiPlan**

MultiPlan is the industry's most comprehensive provider of medical cost management solutions. The company provides over 2,100 clients with a single gateway to a host of primary, complementary and out-of-network strategies for managing the financial risks associated with healthcare claims. An estimated 4,500 acute-care hospitals, 110,000 ancillary care facilities and 550,000 healthcare practitioners participate in our networks. Clients include large and mid-sized insurers, third-party administrators, self-funded plans, HMOs and other entities that pay claims on behalf of health plans. Founded in 1980, MultiPlan is owned by a group of investors led by The Carlyle Group. For more information, visit [www.multiplan.com](http://www.multiplan.com).

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