

WNY Awarded Grant for Electronic Medical Records

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CHEEKTOWAGA, NY- A coalition of area hospitals known as "HEALTHeLINK" is one of 15 out of 130 applicants chosen for a multi-million grant to implement electronic health records reforms.

Congressman Brian Higgins made the announcement Tuesday at the Buffalo Niagara International airport on his return from Washington.

The \$16.1 million grant is the largest awarded to the chosen programs. HEALTHeLINK includes WCA Hospital, Catholic Health System, ECMC, BlueCross BlueShield of WNY, Independent Health, Kaleida Health, Roswell Park and Univera Healthcare.

The money will be used to coordinate health information technology and to reduce unnecessary costs and hospital visits.

"Achieving more affordable, patient-focused, higher quality health care starts with implementing innovative initiatives such as HEALTHeLINK," said Congressman Higgins. "Electronic health records will improve the quality of care patients receive, create better integrated health systems, and will

ultimately reduce unnecessary costs. Simply put, doctors will be focused on patients, not paperwork—a reform we can all agree with."

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