

August 11, 2008 - Murtha Tours Frick Hospital Emergency Department and is Briefed on Planned Geriatrics Care Program

MT. PLEASANT, PA – Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, today visited Excela Health Frick Hospital where he toured their recently renovated emergency department and was briefed on their developing geriatrics program.

In 2005, Congressman Murtha was able to secure \$250,000 in federal funds to renovate Frick’s emergency department. These renovations expanded the emergency department capacity and purchased enhanced diagnostic equipment. Today, the Frick emergency department ranks in the 90th percentile nationally for patient satisfaction.

Building upon this success, Congressman Murtha was able to secure \$341,000 in the current fiscal year (FY2008) for a comprehensive, community-based geriatric care program at Frick Hospital.

“I’m proud to support the planned geriatric care program at Frick Hospital,” commented Murtha. “It is essential that we provide comprehensive first-class health care and support to our region’s aging population.”

Excela Health is the largest employer in Westmoreland County, with hospitals in Greensburg, Jeannette, Latrobe and Mt. Pleasant. With 4,500 employees, Excela Health ranks as the region’s third largest health care network.

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