

September 15, 2008 - Murtha: \$331,000 Grant Released for Frick Hospital

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman

John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has released \$331,692 in funding for Excela Health Frick Hospital in Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County.

Murtha secured this funding in the fiscal year 2008 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education annual Appropriations bill.

This funding will be used to continue development of a comprehensive, community-based geriatric care program at Frick Hospital. Eighteen percent of the population within the Hospital's service area is aged 65 and older, living with at least one chronic illness, and many are suffering from memory, psychological or movement disorders. The area also has a large number of veterans who have limited access to a VA facility.

Murtha visited Frick Hospital in August, where he toured their recently renovated emergency department and was briefed on their developing geriatrics care program.

"I'm amazed by both the quality of care and the patient focused atmosphere at Frick Hospital," said Murtha. "This funding will allow them to provide the elderly population in our area with continued first-class care and support."

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