

September 22, 2008 - Murtha: Visiting Nurse Association of Indiana County Receives \$182,956 Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Congressman John P. Murtha, Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, announced today that the Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) of Indiana County has received a \$182,956 grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for distance learning and telemedicine.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Indiana County provides a wide range of home health, hospice and palliative care services. This funding will be used to connect 60 field nurses and nurse supervisors at the VNA offices in the Medical Arts Building at the Indiana Regional Medical Center to a secure wireless network from which they can access a database containing patient information.

This technology will allow nurses to enter and obtain patient information while at the patient's bedside, which will provide more timely medical interventions and better access to care.

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