

DHA receives about \$1M grant to improve health care delivery in 5 Delta counties

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STONEVILLE — The U.S. Department of Agriculture has awarded Delta Health Alliance \$998,215 in funding through its Rural Development Delta Health Care Service grants program.

The funding will allow Delta Health Alliance to expand its work with six rural health clinics in five Delta counties.

Participating providers include Leland Medical Clinic; Gough Family and Pediatric Clinic in Drew; Aaron Henry Community Health Center in Coldwater; Quitman School Clinic in Marks, operated by the Aaron Henry Community

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Health Center; and Mallory Community Health Centers in Tehula and Durant.

“This funding will provide doctors and nurses serving rural, low income communities with access to some of the latest information technology available for clinic settings. It will give providers more time

with patients and more tools to diagnose and treat their patients,” said Karen Matthews, Delta Health Alliance CEO. “The improvements will also facilitate reimbursements from third-party payers — a critical element to sustaining financial operations of rural clinics that often operate on

the margin due to low revenue streams associated with serving populations with a high rate of uninsured status.”

DHA will use this funding to work with the clinics to upgrade Electronic Health Records systems, facilitate participation in the Mississippi Health Information Exchange and create tele-health services that will allow patients to receive care from participating physicians without having to travel outside their community.

For more information about this grant or about Delta Health Alliance, visit deltahealthalliance.org or follow DHA on Facebook.