



# St. Andrew's Health Center

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**St. Andrew's Health Center Receives Grant**  
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GRAND FORKS, N.D. - St. Andrew's Health Center has received a grant through the North Dakota Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program administered through the Center for Rural Health (CRH) at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The Flex Critical Access Hospital Program Development Grant for \$21,185 will address quality improvement and technology needs of the hospital. St. Andrew's will use the funds to purchase the Physician Access software module as part of a certified electronic medical record. The module is designed to give physicians direct access to view patient information. It also allows for streamlining many everyday tasks by completing them electronically. This will greatly free physicians to provide more face to face time with patients.

The North Dakota Flex Program, funded through a grant from the federal Office of Rural Health Policy (Health Resources and Services Administration), is a state-based partnership that works with and assists rural hospitals to stabilize and sustain their local health care infrastructure. This year, the North Dakota Flex Program distributed approximately \$269,000 in grant funds to fifteen North Dakota critical access hospitals. In addition to grants, the CRH also uses North Dakota Flex Program funds to provide technical assistance to rural providers for community assessments, internal surveys, and strategic planning. For more information on St. Andrew's Health Center, visit their critical access hospital profile on the Flex website at <http://ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/flex/cahprofiles/bottineau.pdf>.