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### **Hospital granted state funds**

The State Office of Rural Health & Primary Care awarded a grant for \$8,370 to Teton Valley Hospital for several patient care and staff training items. The award is known as a SHIP grant (Small Hospital Improvement Program).

The majority of the grant, \$4,175.00, was expended on an anticoagulation monitoring device and tracking software for patients on blood-thinning medication. The CoaguChek XS System has the capability of tracking 150 patients and storing essential data that is readily available for physicians and other care providers.

“This device will be very helpful for our patients because it gives the healthcare team accurate results and real-time reporting of effects from the anticoagulant,” said Dr. Rob Wolfe, who helped research and select this particular unit.

The equipment arrived two weeks ago and staff training has begun. It’s anticipated that patients will begin benefitting from the CoaguChek by mid-March.

Remaining funds were used to renew mandatory HIPAA training modules for all staff and renewed publications for home health coding and claims processing.

HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act) is nationwide legislation to support a patient’s right to access and transfer their medical records, and to define the patient’s right to privacy. HIPAA training is an ongoing requirement for all hospital staff.

Teton Valley Hospital is a federally-designated critical access hospital. The mission of TVH is to promote the health of the community by delivering quality, patient-centered medical services with compassion, integrity, and respect. For more information about Teton Valley Hospital, please visit [www.tvhcare.org](http://www.tvhcare.org) or call the Development Office at 354-6301.

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