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Bertrand Chaffee Hospital Awarded \$4.5 Million Grant

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In September 2007, it was formally announced that twenty-three hospitals and seven nursing homes throughout the state of New York would be receiving \$362.3 million in grant money. The funds that have been allocated are intended to assist chosen facilities in complying with the mandates of the Commission on Health Care Facilities in the 21st Century, also known as the Berger Commission.

The Berger Commission's primary focus is to establish a more stable and efficient health care system for the state of New York. The monetary resources are designed to help facilities reduce excess inpatient volume in an effort to grow and support outpatient, ambulatory and community -oriented long term health care services.

Applications for the grant money were issued to 81 hospitals and nursing homes across the state and recipients were selected within a three month period. A total of \$550 million will be given to assist hospitals and nursing homes in implementing the requirements of the Berger Commission. The department will be announcing additional grants for the remaining \$187.7 million in available funding over the next few weeks.

American Healthcare Solutions is pleased to announce that our client, Bertrand Chaffee Hospital (BCH), located in Springville, NY is the recipient of \$4.5 million of the Berger Commission grant money.

Paul DeSantis, Interim CFO, spearheaded the grant preparation process for BCH with the assistance of many other hospital contributors. According to Paul, the hospital's application included "several eligible compliance- related projects totaling \$4,517,000. The majority of the awarded funds are slated to help retire secured mortgage debt and to reconfigure a portion of the facility that will help revitalize hospital services, ensuring the health and safety of the community."

American Healthcare Solutions has a long standing professional relationship with Bertrand Chaffee Hospital and the Jennie B Richmond Nursing Home. The firm has successfully provided these two facilities with Interim Management, Financial Services including SHARP Staffing and Strategic Planning since October 2005. For more information on these services, please visit our website at www.americanhs.com.

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