

Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development**Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Petersburg****Project Title:**

Petersburg - Medical Center - Pharmacy Information System Module

House District: 2**Funding Amount: \$ 34,000****Brief Summary:**

A pharmacy management information system that automates the ordering and dispensing of medications.

Funding Plan:**Type of Need: One-Time Need**

Prior Funding to Date:

None

Other Funding Requests:

None

Project Description:

The most common source of errors experienced in hospitals today is medication errors. Because of the frequency of their occurrence, and the far reaching potential for harm, insurance companies, Medicare and the Joint Commission on Accreditation in Hospitals (JCAHO) are strongly encouraging hospitals to computerize their pharmacy administration in order to decrease the likelihood of medication error occurrences. The vendor that provides the computer information system for Petersburg Medical Center has developed a pharmacy module that automates the ordering and dispensing of medications thus reducing the possibility of copying down or administering the wrong medication to a patient. In addition to reducing transcription errors, the system also facilitates checking for allergies, contraindications, and drug interactions. It also serves as the foundation for bar coding medication administration, a project we anticipate in the not-too-distant future that would further reduce the potential for drug errors.

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