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**St. James Mercy Hospital Receives \$270,673 Grant for
Emergency Department Upgrades**

HORNELL, NY (June 8, 2015) – St. James Mercy Hospital (SJMH) announced that it has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$270,673 from the New York State Rural Health Care Access Development Program. The funds will be used to upgrade equipment in the Hospital’s emergency department.

“The receipt of this grant will improve efficiency, safety and overall quality of care for individuals who access our emergency room service,” said Erica Brewer, nurse manager, Emergency Department. Specifically the funds will be used to purchase new cardiac monitors, stretchers, and EKG machines.

“In rural areas like ours where access to services can be limited, the emergency department is vital,” said Brewer. “Upgrading the capabilities of our emergency department will improve safety and comfort for patients.” The new equipment will support patient care standards in the inpatient and observation units, as well.

The New York State Rural Health Care Access Development Program is authorized by the federal Public Health Service Act. The intent of the grant program is to expand access to, coordinate, and improve the quality of essential health care services, and enhance the delivery of health care, in rural areas. More information can be found at www.hrsa.gov/ruralhealth/about/community/networkprogram.html.

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