



Grant allows clinic to go to electronic records

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Wheeler – Thanks to a nearly \$60,000 cash grant, medical staff at the Rinehart Clinic will soon have more time to devote to preventive care.

Last week, the Regence Foundation in Portland announced it was granting \$58,900 to the nonprofit medical clinic to fund an electronic health records system.

According to clinic staff, the benefits of using electronic records will include improving chronic disease management, decreasing prescription drug errors and interactions that result from hand-written prescriptions, and reducing the time it takes to access patient records and lab results.

The Rinehart Clinic provides comprehensive primary care in north Tillamook County. It sees patients regardless of their ability to pay.

The Regence Foundation is the corporate foundation of The Regence Group, the largest health insurer in the Northwest/Intermountain region and a not-for-profit independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association.

A 501 (c)3 grantmaking organization, the foundation partners with organizations driving significant change in the health-care delivery and accessibility in Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Starting this spring, the foundation will also partner with organizations addressing end-of-life issues.