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## NEWS from U.S. Senator Bob Dole

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## DOLE INFORMED OF REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAM GRANT APPROVAL

WASHINGTON D.C. --- Senator Bob Dole announced today that he had been informed by officials at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare that approval had been granted for a \$333,450 grant to the Kansas Regional Medical Program. The funds would be granted to sustain the operation of the Program through December.

Senator Dole said he had "supported an extension of the Regional Medical Program because of its proven effectiveness in enhancing the provision of quality medical care in Kansas, especially in the more rural areas."

The Kansas Regional Medical Program is operated through the University of Kansas Medical School. Directed by Dr. Richard Brown of the KU Medical Center, the KRMP was established in 1967. It provides assistance to various medical programs across the state.

Programs which have been funded through the KRMP include the Nurse clinician program operated by Wichita State University, development of a rural health delivery model in the Dodge City-Cimarron area, a telephone medical library reference system to assist health professionals in rural areas, and a program to assist in the development of a state-wide emergency medical system.

Although administrative guidelines for the coming year have not been finalized, it is expected that the funding for KRMP can continue to be used for these and similar programs.