

Perkins County Health Services recently added a new state-of-the-art electrocardiogram (EKG) machine to the hospital inventory.

This will make it possible for PCHS to continue offering high quality close-to-home medical care to its patients.

The purchase of the equipment was made possible through the efforts of the PCHS Foundation and the BryanLGH Foundation in Lincoln.

On Sept. 1, PCHS was awarded \$3,445 in matching funds from the BryanLGH Foundation to help with the purchase of the \$7,777 EKG machine.

The PCHS Foundation provided the balance of the needed funds.

The Bryan LGH Foundation Matching Grants Program funds programs or services that improve the quality of health care or increases access to health care in the state.

Since the program's inception in 1997, the Foundation has awarded 149 grants to primary health care organizations across the state totaling over \$1.2 million.

According to Brad Hays, lab director at the hospital, the old EKG machine has served well for the past 15 years.

However, he said the new technology allows cardiologists at remote sites to do interpretations in much greater detail and accuracy than was previously achieved.

Local availability also eliminates the patient's need to travel to other EKG services, when quick diagnosis and treatment are crucial.

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