



Ferry County Public Hospital District

Improving Health – Saving Lives

Healthcare for Today and Tomorrow

Recently we had the opportunity to attend an annual rural and critical access hospital conference in Spokane, WA. We heard of innovative ways other critical access hospitals are gaining ground on the Affordable Care Act, the medical home modeling for healthcare delivery, and how harnessing technology helps bring medical options to frontier-like healthcare delivery systems like us. Telemedicine plays a key role in accentuating care delivery for services such as behavioral health, wound care, dermatology, cardiology, and radiology to name a few. The use of technology is moving quickly toward mobile applications. As recent as April

15th, Partners Healthcare and Samsung are co-developing mobile health software that enables patients to remotely monitor health factors like blood pressure, blood glucose, and weight, as well as mobile interventions in the areas of patient engagement, medication adherence, and wellness self-management. We are transforming every day to meet the changing needs of our community and healthcare delivery needs by working with vendors that will support our service delivery needs today and also partner with us in the future.

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