

News release

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Rehabilitation and Visiting Nurse Association Receives

The Colorado Health Foundation Grant

\$40,000 is Awarded to Fund Telehealth Program

Greeley, Colorado -- June 2011 - Rehabilitation and Visiting Nurse Association (RVNA) is pleased to announce the receipt of a two year grant for \$20,000 each year from **The Colorado Health Foundation** a health grant maker helping the people of Colorado become the healthiest in the nation through targeted grants that provide measurable health improvements. This grant is for continuing operation of telehealth equipment which remotely monitors RVNA patients diagnosed with congestive heart failure (CHF), diabetes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) or high blood pressure. This system gives an RVNA nurse the ability to monitor important individual patient healthcare information on a daily basis. Should any of the monitored information be out of preset parameters based on the patient's health status and diagnosis, the nurse can then follow up with the patient and take the necessary action. This will result in more prompt attention to potential health problems and reduce admission to the hospital.

"Since RVNA has been using telehealth equipment for patient monitoring, the re-hospitalization rate for our COPD, CHF, diabetes and hypertensive patients using this system has dropped dramatically." says Crystal Day, President and CEO of RVNA. She continued, "During the past six months, RVNA monitored patients, with these chronic diseases, have a zero re-hospitalization rate as compared to a statewide rate that exceeds 25%."

The Colorado Health Foundation works to make Colorado the healthiest state in the nation by increasing the number of Coloradans with health insurance, ensuring they have access to quality, coordinated care and encouraging healthy living. The Foundation invests in the community through grants and initiatives to health-related nonprofits that focus on these goals, as well as operating medical education programs to increase the health care workforce. The Foundation's assets of more than \$900 million include an investment portfolio as well as an ownership interest in Denver's HealthONE hospital system. For more information, please visit www.ColoradoHealth.org.

Founded in 1979, RVNA has serves as northern Colorado's only community-based, not-for-profit home health care agency. RVNA provides home care service to clients of all age groups in Weld and Larimer Counties and has offices in Greeley and Ft. Collins. For more information about RVNA call 970-330-5655 or visit our website www.rvnahomecare.com.