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Health Kentucky Recipient of “Models That Work” Award

Louisville, KY-Health Kentucky, the parent program of the Kentucky Physicians Care Network (KPC) is one of the recipients of the “Models That Work” Grant 2004 Awards from the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky. Health Kentucky is preparing to celebrate its’ twentieth year in 2004. Since the inception of the KPC program over 200,000 needy Kentuckians have received access to quality health care.

With the Health Kentucky model, needy Kentuckians who are not covered by public or private insurance and who are between the ages of 19 to 64, are eligible to enroll and see a participating physicians for a free office visit. Currently, over 2,000 physicians are members of this voluntary network. In addition to the physician components, Health Kentucky also includes a drug program sponsored by seven major pharmaceutical manufacturers. This part of the program makes it possible for persons enrolled in Health Kentucky to benefit from a comprehensive list of prescription medications at no charge.

“How can one measure the value of lives that were saved or quality of life that was missing and the restored?” remarked William P. McElwain, M.D., Health Kentucky president. “How can pain that was alleviated and hope that was rediscovered be quantified? This is the true story of Health Kentucky,”

Health Kentucky's primary funding source is the annual *Twist and Bid* gala, held in Lexington every fall. This year's platinum sponsors included Anthem and Abbott Laboratories. Additional information about Health Kentucky and Health Kentucky programs can be obtained by visiting the website: www.healthkentucky.org.