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West Virginia Center for Nursing Receives \$200,000 Grant

Charleston -- The West Virginia Center for Nursing is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$200,000 grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation.

The WV Center for Nursing, created in 2004 by the WV Legislature, will use the funding to implement a technology-based professional practice program. The project will seek to promote retention and career advancement of nurses, measure clinical performance, highlight strengths and target areas of professional growth for nurses, provide promotion opportunities, and measure the effect of the program on nurse turnover and vacancy rates.

The Benedum Foundation established in 1944 by Michael and Sarah Benedum, natives respectfully of Bridgeport and Blacksville, West Virginia, created their foundation in memory of their only child, who died in 1918 at age 20. Mr. and Mrs. Benedum expressed the wish that grant making be focused in West Virginia and Pittsburgh, their native and adopted homes.

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