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**NEW MEDICAL EQUIPMENT HEADED  
FOR BROWN COUNTY HOSPITAL**

**Ainsworth, Neb., September 29, 2003--**The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded this week, \$19,000 in grant funds to the Brown County Hospital of Ainsworth. These monies leveraged with local dollars raised by the Dialysis Committee will purchase new, upgraded dialysis equipment for the hospital, benefiting residents in Brown County.

The purchase of three new Fresenius dialysis machines and an improved water treatment system will allow the hospital to upgrade their entire dialysis center, offering enhanced treatment and enabling the center to provide dialysis to a larger number of patients. "The last few months we have seen an increase in the number of patients seen by the Nephrologist that will need dialysis treatments within 6-12 months," stated Elaine Hoppe, RN, BS, employee of Brown County Hospital.

"Quality medical equipment is essential to continue providing this specialty medical treatment to our rural area," stated Mary Gambill, community outreach specialist for Nebraska USDA Rural Development. "The new dialysis equipment will help maintain the overall healthcare mission of the hospital and will be less expensive to run."

"Dialysis patients also have repeatedly told us how happy they are to be able to have dialysis treatments at Brown County Hospital," stated Elaine. "It saves them hours of travel time and improves their quality of life by remaining near home and family".

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