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## Ellenville/Wawarsing healthcare provider recruitment effort working

ELLENVILLE – The Ellenville/Wawarsing area is classified as a health provider shortage area and an effort to attract new medical staff is paying off.

The Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center and HealthMatch have brought three new providers to the community.

Incentives to attract them, and others, have come close to reach their funding goal, said Steven Kelley, president of Ellenville Regional Hospital.

“All of industries basically dried up in the last five or six years, major manufacturing employers have left, and even our largest hotel in the area, the Nevele, has closed, so it’s a very difficult area and in that backdrop, we’ve raised almost \$200,000 because the people in the community know how important it is to have health care providers in the area.”

Kelley said the consortium will continue to attract additional providers with the incentive money.

The three health care providers recruited so far include a medical doctor, adult nurse practitioner and family nurse practitioner.



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