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**U.S. gives \$8.3 million
for medical networks**

The federal government continues to pour millions of dollars into connecting Iowa hospitals and clinics via high-speed fiber-optic networks.

The U.S. Department of Commerce has awarded \$8.3 million to Iowa Health-Des Moines as part of the federal stimulus package, Gov. Chet Culver's office said Monday.

The money is to be used to bring high-speed communications to rural and urban medical facilities, so they can send medical information quickly. Supporters say the systems will help medical specialists in urban areas help care for rural patients.

The federal government previously awarded \$17.7 million to Iowa Health-Des Moines and \$16 million to the state-owned Iowa Communications Network.

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