

Dillingham hospital gets radiology link for faster service

DILLINGHAM — A new teleradiology service was initiated in August for the Kanakanak Hospital to provide a direct link from the hospital radiology department to radiologists in Anchorage.

While teleradiology has been available for the past few years, the quality of the images being received was less than desirable, according to the Bristol Bay Area Health Corp. which operates the hospital in Dillingham.

The new equipment is Discovery Technologies Inc.'s FilmFax, which sends true, diagnostic-quality radiology films over a standard telephone line. Discovery's laser scanner and/or control station is used to digitize the radiological films and transmit the images to the remote image work station for interpretation.

Kanakanak Hospital provides health care services for Dillingham and 32 surrounding villages located within the 45,000 square mile service area.