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United Hospital District Home Health Program Earns 5-Star Rating from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

Blue Earth, MN – United Hospital District (UHD) is proud to announce that its Home Health program has received a prestigious 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This outstanding achievement reflects UHD's commitment to providing exceptional care to patients in the comfort of their own homes.

The CMS star ratings are a measure of the quality of care provided by home health agencies nationwide. The 5-star rating, the highest possible score, is awarded based on a variety of performance metrics, including patient satisfaction, quality of care, and adherence to clinical best practices. This recognition places UHD's Home Health program among the top-performing agencies in the country, above the average of 3.5 stars.

UHD's Home Health program offers a range of services, including skilled nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and home health aide services. These services are designed to help patients recover, manage chronic conditions, and remain independent in their own homes. The program has earned a reputation for its personalized care and positive outcomes for patients.

"We are honored to be recognized by CMS for the quality of care we provide," said Mary Ellen Rigby, Director of Home Health Services. "This rating reflects the efforts of our entire team to ensure that our patients receive not only the highest level of medical care but also the support and compassion they deserve within the home."

The 5-star rating is the result of continuous efforts to enhance patient care and ensure positive outcomes for those in the Home Health program. UHD remains committed to providing exceptional care to patients, whether they are in the hospital, at home, or in any of our outpatient facilities.

About UHD:

United Hospital District (www.uhd.org), based in Blue Earth, MN, is an independent system of care comprised of a 25-bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, ambulance service and a home health/hospice care program, all supported by a 25-plus multi-specialty provider group with three clinic locations across two counties. UHD was recognized as a 2025 Best Small Hospital

for Obstetrics, a 2024 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital, a 2023 Best Small Hospital Under 25 Beds, and a 2022 Top 200 Workplace in Minnesota.