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### **Jane Malmskog, PharmD, seeing patients at MCHC**

**Madelia, Minn.** – The Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) is excited to offer a new service, Medication Therapy Management (MTM), for our hospital patients. Jane Malmskog, PharmD, will work closely with patients and their provider to be sure that patients get the most benefit from their medications.

MTM focuses on ongoing management of the patient's entire medication regimen with a concentration on optimizing therapeutic effectiveness, preventing adverse events, and achieving optimal medication therapy goals. Active involvement of patients is critical, empowering them to be a full participant in their own care through better understanding.

Dr. Malmskog will review prescriptions from all prescribers that are providing care to a patient, and any over-the-counter and herbal products that the patient may be taking to identify and prevent medication issues. This may include medications not being used correctly, duplications of medications, unnecessary medications, and the need for medications for an untreated or inappropriately managed condition. She will also give in-depth medication-related education and advice to patients, family and/or caregivers to help assure proper medication use. This collaboration between the patient, prescribing provider and the pharmacist will help the patient reach the optimal goals of medication therapy.

Dr. Malmskog may seem familiar to community members, because she has been the director of Pharmacy at MCHC since 2010. She has a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Minnesota-Morris, and her doctorate of pharmacy (PharmD) from the North Dakota State University College of Pharmacy in Fargo, N.D. She grew up in Ulen, a small town in northern Minnesota. In addition to doing medication management, Dr. Malmskog also does the daily preparation and dispensing of medications for MCHC inpatients and outpatients.

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**PHOTO CAPTION: Jane Malmskog, PharmD and Director of Pharmacy at MCHC**

#### **About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic**

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is an independent, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of medical professionals that are committed to providing health care of the highest standards to patients in the Madelia area. As a 25-bed acute care hospital, we offer all of the primary health services: Laboratory, Radiology, Physical Therapy, Home Care, Emergency Room/Urgent Care, and Surgical Care. Our attached family medical clinic also provides care for patients in all the seasons of their life. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care industry, which has ensured our ability to deliver up-to-date medical services, purchase advanced medical equipment, and provide complete and compassionate care to all who enter our facility.