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MCHC In-Network Provider for the VA

Madelia, Minn. – The Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic (MCHC) is proud to be an in-network provider for area veterans through a partnership with the Veterans Administration (VA). This means that veterans can receive their VA benefits while receiving care at MCHC for urgent care, tests and procedures like colonoscopies, general surgeries and pain injections. MCHC is one of only a few area hospitals that have become an in-network provider. Most tests and procedures do require preauthorization with the VA, and MCHC will help veterans through this preauthorization process.

“We are so proud to be able to provide our local heroes with the health care they need close to home,” said Jeff Mengenhausen, CEO of MCHC. “Veterans deserve the best possible care and patient experience, and our caregivers are honored to serve them right here in Madelia.”

In 2018, Congress passed the MISSION (Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks) Act, a law that allows veterans to receive health care at either a VA facility or another general provider within their community. The MISSION Act allows veterans to receive primary care and mental health services outside the VA system if the average time it takes to drive to a VA facility is 30 minutes or more.

In 2019, the MISSION Act benefits were expanded so veterans could receive more immediate care by including urgent care facilities as approved care facilities within the community. Urgent care providers treat injuries and illnesses that require immediate attention, but are not life threatening. The benefit supplements care Veterans may also have access to at VA medical facilities. When using the Urgent Care benefit, Veterans must go to an in-network Urgent Care provider, and state that they are using their VA urgent care benefit. The Urgent Care provider will then verify the Veteran’s eligibility before providing care.

If you would like to know more about the services provided at MCHC, or if you would like to schedule a procedure, please call 507.642.3255.

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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.