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Home Care: The Care You Need, the Comfort of Home

Madelia, Minn. – Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic Home Health Care has served our community since 1985. During the month of November, we will be celebrating National Home Care Month. We are hosting our annual Home Care Open House on Thursday, November 12th from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Amberfield Place dining room. This is an opportunity for our staff, clients and community to acknowledge and celebrate the benefits of home care. It is with great pride that Madelia Home Care offers personalized care, disease management, and patient advocacy, which allow our community members to remain at home.

“This month we honor all the dedicated nurses, therapists, and aides who make a remarkable difference for the patients and families they serve. These heroic caregivers play a central role in our healthcare system and in homes across the nation. Home Care staff members provide high-quality health care and supportive services in patients’ homes throughout the United States. To recognize their efforts, we call upon all Americans to commemorate the power of caring, both at the home and in their local communities and join with the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) by celebrating November as Home Care and Hospice Month,” Val J. Halamandaris, NAHC President remarked.

Home health services continue to be a growing force in the delivery of health care as the 78 million baby boomers continue to reach their golden years. Factors related to this increasing demand for home health services include shorter hospitalizations and the needs of an aging population for chronic disease management and education. Utilizing home care can help reduce re-hospitalization, a major health care goal. Surveys indicate that if given a choice, patients prefer recovering in the place they love best...their own home.

In the coming weeks, NAHC will be releasing new studies showing the increasing role of home care and hospice in health care. Whether it is dollars spent or miles driven, the value of home care and hospice is immeasurable. “Their goal is helping society’s weakest members live the fullest lives they can. By marrying high tech with high touch, home care professionals and volunteers allow patients to get care at home where they can be with the ones they love,” said Halamandaris.

Madelia Home Care is a Medicare certified home care agency providing services to clients living within a 25-30 mile radius of Madelia. The communities served vary from Mountain Lake to Mankato and Fairmont to New Ulm. Our nursing staff works with the patient’s primary physician, wherever they are located.

Payment for home care services varies depending on client condition and qualifications. Possible payer options include Medicare, Medicaid, Waivered Services through surrounding counties, Private Insurance, Veteran’s Administration, Long Term Care Insurance and Private Payment. Home Care is an affordable option to help you transition with healthcare needs.

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic Home Health Care is committed to helping patients receive the highest quality care at home. If you have questions about home care services, please call 642-3255.

About Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic

Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic is a private, nonprofit facility staffed by a team of physicians and medical professionals that is profoundly committed to providing health care of the highest standards to Madelia and surrounding communities. As a 25-bed acute care hospital, we offer all the primary health services, such as medical/surgical, pediatric, emergency care and more. In 2011, we expanded our services to include a family medical clinic that provides adolescent health, geriatric health, men's health, newborn health, pediatric health, preventative medicine and women's health. Over the years, we have proactively responded to the changing demands within the health care system, 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.

About NAHC

The National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) is a nonprofit organization that represents the nation's 33,000 home care and hospice organizations. NAHC also advocates for the more than two million nurses, therapists, aides and other caregivers employed by such organizations to provide in-home services to some 12 million Americans each year who are infirm, chronically ill, and disabled. Along with its advocacy, NAHC provides information to help its members provide the highest quality of care and is committed to excellence in every respect. To learn more about NAHC, visit www.nahc.org.

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