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UNITED HOSPITAL DISTRICT RECEIVES NEW QUALITY-BASED ACCREDITATION FROM DNV

Blue Earth, MN – August 28th, 2023 — United Hospital District, an independent and award-winning healthcare system based in southern Minnesota, announces the successful completion of its new accreditation process awarded by [DNV](#) Healthcare USA, Inc. (DNV), as independent expert in quality assurance and risk management.

By earning accreditation, United Hospital District has demonstrated it meets or exceeds quality and patient safety standards set forth by the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). DNV’s accreditation program is the only one to integrate the ISO 9001 Quality Management System with the Medicare Conditions of Participation.

“The DNV program is consistent with our long-term commitment to quality and patient safety,” says Rick M. Ash, CEO. “The ability to integrate ISO 9001 quality standards with our clinical and financial processes is a major step forward.”

With this CMS accreditation, United Hospital District now has the option over the next three years to achieve ISO 9001 standards, a quality management system used by numerous organizations around the world.

“We have taken an entirely different approach to accreditation, and hospitals are really responding,” says DNV Healthcare USA Inc. President Kelly Proctor. “Since accreditation is a must-have credential for just about every hospital in this country, why not make it more valuable, and get more out of it? That’s where ISO 9001 comes into play and turns the typical get-your-ticket-punched accreditation exercise into a quality transformation.”

DNV’s accreditation program, called NIAHO® (Integrated Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations), involves annual hospital surveys – instead of every three years – and encourages hospitals to openly share information across departments and to discover improvements in clinical workflows and safety protocols.

About United Hospital District

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 2023 Best Small Hospital Under 25 Beds and a 2022 Top 200 Workplace in Minnesota.

About DNV

DNV is a global independent certification, assurance and risk management provider, operating in more than 100 countries. Through its broad experience and deep expertise, DNV advances safety and sustainable performance, sets industry benchmarks, and drives innovative solutions.

Whether certifying a company's management system or products, accrediting hospitals, providing training, or assessing supply chains and digital assets, DNV enables customers and stakeholders to make critical decisions with confidence, continually improve and realize long-term strategic goals sustainably.

DNV draws on its wide technical and industry expertise to help companies worldwide build consumer and stakeholder trust. Driven by its purpose, to safeguard life, property, and the environment, DNV helps tackle the challenges and global transformations facing its customers and the world today and is a trusted voice for many of the world's most successful and forward-thinking companies.

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