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## United Hospital District Partners with Fedko Physicians in the Emergency Department

**Blue Earth, MN – February 12, 2021** – United Hospital District (UHD) is pleased to announce their new staffing partnership with Fedko Emergency Physicians, LLC, a privately-owned corporation with over 35 years of industry leadership experience in providing emergency department management and staffing. Effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of this year, Fedko's team of board-certified Emergency Medicine physicians began providing all physician coverage in UHD's Emergency Department.

"We feel this is a significant enhancement and we're excited to have Fedko onboard," said Rick Ash, CEO at UHD. "Fedko is committed to the highest standards of patient care and patient satisfaction, which aligns well with UHD's mission and values. We believe these new physicians will improve patient experiences and raise community confidence in the services we provide."

The staffing change complements UHD's recently remodeled facility. A \$7.1 million renovation project completed in 2020 expanded and updated UHD's entire Emergency Department (ED). Patients can now expect reduced wait times and thorough assessments by board certified Emergency Medicine physicians who specialize in emergency conditions.

"We are happy to be working with UHD in raising the bar on quality and the patient experience. We know we don't see people when they are at their best, so we try to make them as comfortable as possible. Having the new remodeled space is a bonus and should take the organization many years into the future," said Dr. Martin Fedko, CEO of the Fedko group.

The move was partially motivated by community feedback, which suggested an opportunity to improve patient satisfaction in the ED. After vetting alternative physician staffing groups, UHD determined Fedko was the best fit. Reference checks and patient testimonials spoke to their abilities and patient appreciation. According to Rick Ash, the transition has been seamless, with high praise from ED patients and their families as well as UHD nursing and support staff.

For area residents seeking healthcare services, UHD is an independent system of care that offers emergency, primary and specialty care services, including allergy & asthma, cardiology, ENT, general surgery, orthopedics, OB/GYN, rehab therapies (PT/OT/Speech Pathology) and urology. Based in Blue Earth, Minnesota, the hospital supports a patient-centered care philosophy.

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