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Senator Klobuchar Visits United Hospital District *Rural healthcare access and challenges discussed*

Blue Earth, MN – September 18, 2023 – Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar recently visited United Hospital District (UHD) in Blue Earth. The Senator enjoyed a guided tour of UHD’s hospital and Blue Earth Clinic as she made visits to various key Minnesota businesses last week. UHD senior administrators leading the tour included Chief Executive Officer Rick Ash, Chief Nursing Officer Melissa Storbeck, RN, Chief of Medical Staff Aaron Johnson, MD, Clinic Manager Sue Hassing, RN, and Revenue Cycle Manager and HIPPA Privacy Officer Greta Dahlberg, RHIA.

Speaking to assembled guests during the visit, CEO Rick Ash said, “We are honored to welcome Senator Amy Klobuchar to United Hospital District. The community can take comfort knowing their health is on the mind of our state representatives, signified by the Senator’s visit today.” Mr. Ash continued, commenting, “We look forward to increased support for rural healthcare initiatives in the coming years.”

Senator Klobuchar, who is originally from Plymouth, MN, has taken special interest in the importance of rural healthcare and the need for its accessibility in small communities across the state, as demonstrated by her visit on Friday. Her presence underscored her commitment to promoting accessible quality healthcare to all Minnesotans.

During her appearance, the Senator toured UHD’s state-of-the-art medical facilities, engaged in discussions about rural healthcare, and met with UHD healthcare providers and administrators to gain valuable insight into the challenges and triumphs of healthcare in the community.

As a longtime advocate for fair and affordable healthcare, Senator Klobuchar restated her dedication to championing policies aimed at improving the well-being of rural individuals and families. This commitment to expanding healthcare access, addressing healthcare disparities, and supporting medical research has helped shape her firm stance on healthcare advocacy in Minnesota.

On a final note, the visit provided an opportunity for discussion about legislative efforts aimed at strengthening Minnesota's healthcare system, improving patient care, and addressing pressing healthcare challenges facing rural communities throughout the state.

About UHD:

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.

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UHD Admin Personnel welcome Senator Klobuchar to the Blue Earth hospital and clinic.
Pictured left to right is:

Greta Dahlberg, RHIA, Revenue Cycle Manager and HIPAA Privacy Officer; Sue Hassing, RN, UHD Clinic Manager; Melissa Storbeck, RN, UHD Chief Nursing Officer; Senator Amy Klobuchar; Rick M. Ash, UHD Chief Executive Officer.