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UMRC & Porter Hills Announces Expansion of Home Health Services

Home Health Extends Reach Across Michigan

Chelsea, MI/Grand Rapids, MI, Aug. 3, 2021 – United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) & Porter Hills is proud to announce the expansion of its Home Health services from the Grand Rapids area to the east side of the state. UMRC & Porter Hills recently received final state and federal approval to extend its home-based service across Michigan.

“Home Health started at Porter Hills in Grand Rapids in 1995 and has one of the highest satisfaction ratings in West Michigan,” said Jamie Palma, Executive Director of Certified Home Health and Avenues for UMRC & Porter Hills. “Since UMRC & Porter Hills began its journey of affiliation in 2019, our plan has been to extend Home Health to the east to bring high quality home care to more adults. Home Health is very well-known and established in the Grand Rapids area with very high quality service. We wanted to be able to share this on the east.”

Home Health is fully certified to provide skilled care in the home. Clients are often recovering from orthopedic surgeries, have congestive heart failure or other cardiac health needs, or have serious wounds that require skilled care.

“Patients that might have previously been sent from the hospital to a skilled nursing center are often now sent directly home,” Palma explained. “Certified care is a covered benefit under your insurance. A doctor’s order is required, certifying that the person is home-bound, and it would be a taxing effort to leave the home for those services. We work with physicians and provide the level of care and assistance needed while you recover at home.”

Home Health’s team of over 55 professionals includes registered nurses, occupational and physical therapists, speech language pathologists, licensed medical social workers, and home health aides. “Home Health provides exceptional care in the comfort of your own home,” said Palma. “We are thrilled to bring this service to the east.”

Over 60% of the older adults served by UMRC & Porter Hills receive care through its home- and community-based programs, such as Home Health. In 2019-20, Home Health served 1,850 adults.

To learn more about UMRC & Porter Hills and its Home Health program, visit umrcph.com.

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