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AARP

AARP is a nonprofit, nonpartisan membership organization that helps people 50+ have independence, choice and control in ways that are beneficial and affordable to them and society as a whole. We produce *AARP The Magazine*, published bimonthly; *AARP Bulletin*, our monthly newspaper; *AARP Segunda Juventud*, our bimonthly magazine in Spanish and English; *NRTA Live & Learn*, our quarterly newsletter for 50+ educators; and our website, AARP.org. AARP Foundation is an affiliated charity that provides security, protection, and empowerment to older persons in need with support from thousands of volunteers, donors, and sponsors. We have staffed offices in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands

Bethesda Hospital

Bethesda Hospital, in St. Paul, Minnesota has both inpatient and outpatient programs for those living with dementia. The Medical Behavioral program is designed for adults with an acute or chronic medical illness in addition to a concurrent psychiatric disorder such as dementia, delirium or depression. These medical and behavioral illnesses can be treated at the same time. The intervention program can include medical, behavioral medication and therapy. Other programs include Complex Medical Care, Respiratory Care, Rehabilitation Care and Brain Injury Services. For more information call 651-232-2760.

www.bethesdahospital.org

Catholic Eldercare

Catholic Eldercare's community of senior residences offers elders inviting opportunities to live life to the fullest. Residents enjoy engaging programs, pastoral care and worship opportunities, and many connections with the wider community. Catholic Eldercare has a long tradition of meeting the diverse needs of elders of all faiths in a caring atmosphere of support, respect, dignity and self-determination. Catholic Eldercare provides skilled nursing, memory care, assisted living, affordable senior apartments and an adult day program.

Community Transportation Association of America, Inc.

Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging

The Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging is a non-profit organization that serves the seven county Twin Cities metropolitan area. In partnerships with public and private organizations, MAAA helps elders age successfully. It does this by building community capacity, advocating for aging issues, maximizing service effectiveness and linking people with information. For information about us visit www.tcaging.org.

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Minnesota Board on Aging

The Minnesota Board on Aging promotes policies to the State Legislature, the Governor and State Agencies that fairly reflect the needs and interests of the older Minnesotans. They provide objective information and promote public education on ways to meet the changing needs of Minnesota's older population to age well and live well. The MBA also partners with Area Agencies on Aging and others to administer and oversees the effective use of Older Americans Act and state funds to support older Minnesotans.

Minnesota Health & Housing Alliance (MHHA)

Minnesota Health & Housing Alliance is a non-profit, statewide membership association representing faith- and community-based providers of aging services. MHHA represents the complete continuum of services for older adults including nursing home care, senior housing with supportive services, independent senior housing and community-based services. MHHA's mission is to promote excellence and innovation in older adult services. MHHA serves its members through advocacy, public information, education, products and services relating to the aging services field and networking opportunities.

Presbyterian Homes and Services

Presbyterian Homes & Services, based in St. Paul, Minnesota, is a non-profit, faith-based organization committed to providing a broad array of high quality housing choices, care, and service options for older adults. Last year they served about 9,000 individuals within 32 communities throughout the Minneapolis/St. Paul area of Minnesota, in Wisconsin, and Iowa. Since 1955, when its first community was built, Presbyterian Homes has steadily gained a reputation for being an innovative leader concerned with promoting the independence, vitality and well-being of those they serve.

Stratis Health

Stratis Health, based in Bloomington, Minn., is a non-profit independent quality improvement organization that collaborates with providers and consumers to improve health care. Stratis Health envisions a health care system that supports an informed, activated consumer and competent, satisfied health care professionals working in settings that promote optimum care and reduce chance of error. Our objectives are to help health care providers understand and integrate quality improvement and safety into their work, and to support Medicare consumers in their quest for health education and quality information. Stratis Health receives its funding from federal and state government contracts, foundation and corporate grants, and health system projects. The Stratis Health staff of more than 50 professionals possesses strong applied research and clinical experience, and expertise in project management, biostatistics and data analysis, data management, continuous quality improvement theory and implementation, medical record abstraction, coding, health education, and communications.

UCare Minnesota

For more than two decades, **UCare Minnesota** has served members of Minnesota Health Care Programs, including Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare. In 1998, UCare added our Medicare plans to better meet the health care needs of seniors. Today, with nearly 130,000 members in 80 counties, we are one of the state's largest health plans -- committed to improving the health of our members through innovative services and partnerships across communities.