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Homecare Services Discontinued at Longmont United Hospital

(Longmont, CO) On Friday, October 26, 2007, Longmont United Hospital discontinued its home care services, Longmont United Homecare. Longmont United Homecare offered a unique service bridging the gap between home and hospital while bringing specialized care into the privacy of a patient's home. Longmont United Homecare provided over 1,200 patient visits per month throughout Boulder and Weld Counties.

"Although our staff remained dedicated to the quality and provision of this service, our organization was unsuccessful in providing sound financial and operational decisions. Additionally, changes in regulatory standards and new technological requirements would make it difficult for Longmont United Hospital to remain competitive in the market," said Matt E. Hartzler, Vice President of Strategic Planning and Physician Services.

Longmont United Homecare will no longer accept new referrals as of Friday, October 26, 2007. Patients requiring services beyond November 16, 2007 will be transitioned to another home health provider. Patients that will not need services beyond November 16 will continue to receive services from Longmont United Homecare through November 16. Longmont United Hospital will continue to provide private-pay nurse aid and companion services performed by SummerTree Cares.

At this time, the number of employees affected by this closure cannot be determined because some may transfer to available job openings if their qualifications match the requirements. Currently, Longmont United Homecare employees 30 people.

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