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**Zumbro Valley Health Center Re-Certified as Essential Community Provider**

**Rochester, Minn.** – The Minnesota Dept. of Health recently re-certified Zumbro Valley Health Center an Essential Community Provider (ECP). This five-year certification recognizes health care organizations that serve high-risk, special needs and underserved people.

State regulations require that ECPs either provide or coordinate supportive and stabilizing services such as transportation, linguistic assistance and culturally sensitive services. The Department of Health completed a thorough review of Zumbro Valley to ensure it met key statutes and requirements, including:

- Serve all patients, regardless of their financial limitations
- Charge patients for their services based on a sliding-fee schedule, if the ECP is a non-profit organization
- Provide access for transport assistance, child care and language services

“We are honored to be recognized for the work our dedicated staff do every day to help the under-served populations in SE Minnesota,” said Beth Krehbiel, chief executive officer.

“Through our integrated model of care, low-income and homeless individuals, people with a mental illness and/or substance abuse issue and those who are uninsured have access to treatment for their mental illness, medical issues and addiction disorders.”

**About Zumbro Valley Health Center**

Restoring hope...one life at a time. For the past 50 years, Zumbro Valley Health Center has worked to improve the health of people in SE Minnesota regardless of their ability to pay. Our organization enhances the quality of life for individuals through an integrated model of care providing behavioral health, medical, dental and community support services. Last year, staff served nearly 4,000 people, the overwhelming majority of whom are from under-served populations. The services we provide all have the same goal – helping people with an addiction disorder, a mental illness or a co-occurring condition lead more healthy, productive and self-sufficient lives. Zumbro Valley Health Center is a private, non-profit organization serving Olmsted and Fillmore counties. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.zvhc.org](http://www.zvhc.org) or call 507-289-2089.

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