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## **iCare Health Network Marks One-Year Anniversary of MissionCare at Bennington**

**Over 45 residents welcomed. Successfully transitioned residents who had collectively spent more than 4,200 days stuck in hospitals before they could be discharged to us.**

Bennington, VT – iCare Health Network is proud to celebrate the one-year anniversary of assuming operations at MissionCare at Bennington, a skilled nursing and rehabilitation center dedicated to providing high-quality care for individuals in need of short-term rehabilitation and long-term nursing support.

Since opening its doors under iCare’s leadership in August 2024, MissionCare at Bennington has admitted more than 45 residents into its programs. Many of these individuals had been waiting in acute care hospitals for placement prior to the program’s launch. In fact, before transitioning to MissionCare, those residents collectively spent over 4,200 hospital days awaiting discharge. By providing a skilled nursing option in the community, MissionCare has not only supported residents and families but also significantly reduced the strain on Vermont’s hospital system by helping to free up much-needed hospital beds.

“One year ago, we made a commitment to bring innovation, quality care, and community partnership to Bennington,” said Phil Sterling, CEO at iCare Health Network. “We are proud of the impact MissionCare at Bennington has had in its first year—not only in improving the lives of our residents, but also in strengthening the healthcare continuum by relieving hospital bottlenecks and creating a much-needed care pathway.”

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MissionCare at Bennington continues to expand its services and programming, drawing on iCare Health Network's decades of expertise in skilled nursing and specialty healthcare programs throughout New England. The center remains focused on resident-centered care, community engagement, and ongoing innovation in post-acute services.

As MissionCare enters its second year, iCare Health Network looks forward to building upon this foundation of progress, deepening its partnership with the Bennington community, and further enhancing quality of life for residents and families.

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**The statements and quotes made in this release can be attributed to David Skoczulek, Spokesperson, Vice President of Business Development and Communications, iCare Health Network.**

*iCare Health Network provides management, operating and consulting services to skilled nursing facilities and other healthcare providers. Through its managed care centers, iCare offers a range of services including medical, short-term rehabilitation, long-term care, behavioral health, substance use management, and memory care & support services.*

*iCare Health Network manages ten care centers in Connecticut including three Touchpoints Rehab centers, six Greater Hartford Memory Care Centers as well as 60 West, MissionCare at Holyoke (Massachusetts) and MissionCare at Bennington (Vermont) through MissionCare Health. iCare also offers LTC Integrity audit tools, outpatient and integrated therapy and rehabilitation through Touchpoints Therapy and specializes in healthcare real estate transactions and skilled nursing turnarounds.*

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