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State Auditor Releases Report on Special Investigation of Greenbelt Home Care

ELDORA, IA--The Auditor of the State of Iowa conducted a special investigation of selected financial transactions of Greenbelt Home Care for the period July 1, 2016, through April 30, 2019. This investigation was requested by the Hardin County Attorney following termination of the agency administrator by the Greenbelt Home Care Board of Directors.

The audit identified unsupported and improper disbursements that were not related to or in the best interest of Greenbelt Home Care operations. Details of the investigation can be found in the report issued by the Auditor of the State of Iowa. Greenbelt Home Care will continue to cooperate with authorities to recover any losses.

The investigation did not report any negative impact on patient care or public health services provided by Greenbelt Home Care. No funds were diverted from patient care and no federal or state funding was compromised.

Since April of 2020, one year after the end date of the audit, Greenbelt Home Care has operated under a new leadership structure. A revised joint venture ownership agreement between Hardin County, City of Eldora, Hardin County Board of Health, and Greenbelt Home Care went into effect on April 2, 2020. On April 13, 2020, a new Board of Directors, representing Hardin County, the City of Eldora, and the Hardin County Board of Health, was sworn in. On June 1, 2020, a permanent administrator was hired to lead Greenbelt Home Care.

Since April of 2020, the new administration and Board of Directors have been evaluating the fiscal and logistical operations of Greenbelt Home Care. Costs have been reduced, oversight has increased, and revised travel, accounts payable, accounts receivable, and payroll policies have been approved. Additional policies and procedures are being studied to further improve accountability and to restore public confidence.

The Board of Directors and administration have reviewed the findings of the investigation and are taking action to implement all of the audit recommendations. The Greenbelt Home Care leadership is committed to continuing to provide high quality home health and public health services to the residents of Hardin County.

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