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**Fair Oaks Lodge Nursing Center Receives 2012 Deficiency Free Rating from the
Minnesota Department of Health**

WADENA, Minn. – (December 5, 2012) - Fair Oaks Lodge Nursing Center is pleased to announce that it has earned a “Deficiency Free” survey result from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), Facility and Provider Compliance Division. The rigorous survey, which is conducted over several days, covers almost 200 quality, safety and performance indicators such as medication management, assessment of resident needs, respect for resident rights and dignity, food service, environment and administration, among others.

These surveys, always unannounced, are conducted annually at long-term care/skilled nursing facilities that provide care for Medicare and/or Medicaid programs to determine whether federal requirements and certification rules are being met. The deficiency free survey results signals that Fair Oaks Lodge is in complete compliance with state and federal regulation for providing exceptional health care.

“The results of this survey is a reflection of the outstanding staff at Fair Oaks Lodge and their commitment to providing excellent care to our residents,” said Rich Blanchard, administrator of Fair Oaks Lodge.

With increasingly stringent regulations, achieving the deficiency-free rating is exceedingly difficult. Achieving a perfect, zero deficiency survey puts Fair Oaks Lodge in the top three percent of nursing facilities in Minnesota. These surveys are a used for prospective and current residents, their families, and health care practitioners to make informed choices about the quality of a long-term care family.

Fair Oaks Lodge is a retirement community located in Wadena, Minnesota offering a wide variety of lifestyle choices. The property's campus includes Sheltering Oaks Adult Day Services, Fair Oaks Apartments for independent senior living, Fair Oaks Lodge Nursing Center, offering short-term and long-term care, respite care, hospice care, focused rehabilitation. To learn more about Fair Oaks Lodge, please visit, www.fairoakslodge.org or call 218-632-8153.

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