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**USDA FUNDS IMPROVE HEALTH CARE SERVICES  
IN FALLS CITY, NEBRASKA**

**Lincoln, Neb., October 7, 2002**—The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development has approved a \$434,800 loan and \$150,000 grant to Community Medical Center, Inc. to improve the services available to the Richardson County area.

It is very important that the medical center continue to provide medical assistance to the Falls City area as there is no other medical center available. The loan and grant funds will be used to renovate the heating and air conditioning unit within the hospital. Also the hospital will purchase a Fluoroscopic x-ray unit to provide more services to the community. The loan will be repaid over 20 years at 4.5%.

Through programs such as this, small hospitals like Community Medical Center, Inc. are afforded the opportunity to secure the funds necessary to not only ensure the continued availability of quality healthcare services in rural America, but to expand them. This program will positively affect the lives of thousands living in the Heartland, stated Michael Ellis, Chief Executive Officer of the hospital.

The USDA funds for this project were provided through the USDA Rural Development Community Facility Direct Loan Program. For additional information contact Roger A. Meeks 6030 South 58 Street Suite B Lincoln, NE 68516 or phone (402) 423-9683 ext. 4.

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