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**GRAND TRAVERSE PAVILIONS AND HOME ADVANTAGE DIALYSIS TEAM UP TO BRING CUTTING EDGE AND INNOVATIVE DIALYSIS PROGRAM TO TRAVERSE CITY**

TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN, December 18, 2019 – Grand Traverse Pavilions and Home Advantage Dialysis announced today that a new cutting edge and innovative dialysis program will be opening this month at the Grand Traverse Pavilions. This program will provide on-site hemodialysis services using home style dialysis equipment in a newly renovated space in order to better serve their residents and patients.

 Hemodialysis is a treatment necessary for those with kidney failure. During this treatment a machine is utilized to act as the patient’s kidney and filters out extra waste, chemicals, and fluid from the blood. Throughout the country over 650,000 Americans require dialysis for their treatment. Currently in Michigan alone, nearly 15,000 people utilize dialysis services. The program that Grand Traverse Pavilions and Home Advantage Dialysis are bringing to Traverse City will offer participants a new way of receiving their dialysis services that provides them significant benefits both clinically and socially over traditional methods.

 The new and innovative program that will be coming to the Pavilions will utilize home dialysis equipment that will provide treatments that are shorter in length and more frequent. Studies have shown that the benefits of more frequent hemodialysis are significant. More frequent hemodialysis has been associated with 18% lower risk of death compared to traditional in-center hemodialysis, 14% increase chance of receiving a transplant, fewer medications, increased energy and vitality, improved appetite, and an 87% improvement in recovery time after treatment. Participants in this program will also experience an enhanced quality of life, something that is simply priceless when you are experiencing kidney failure and needing dialysis for treatment.

 Kory Hansen, Administrator/CEO for Grand Traverse Pavilions, stated “We are so excited for our new dialysis program to get started! This program will provide those needing nursing home care the opportunity to receive dialysis treatments without having to travel off-site and will greatly enhance the quality of life for those residents. We pride ourselves on our commitment to quality and opening this dialysis program is yet another example of our commitment to both our internal community and the Traverse City area as a whole.”

The dialysis program at the Grand Traverse Pavilions will be led by Mary Haverty, RN. She has over 20 years of experience in dialysis services and is thrilled to be leading the team along side the staff at Grand Traverse Pavilions and Home Advantage Dialysis. The program will be available to both permanent and temporary residents of the Grand Traverse Pavilions. The project has so far received generous grant support from the Les and Anne Biederman Foundation and the Oleson Foundation, both of Traverse City.

 Home Advantage Dialysis is the first home dialysis company in the country to be certified through the Joint Commission. Their commitment to quality, high standards, and proven success provides a great partner for the Grand Traverse Pavilions in this innovative project. “We are thrilled to be bringing our dialysis expertise to a community with such commitment to quality and so rich in medical history. We have seen significant success in other areas of the state where this program has been implemented and we cannot wait to offer this to the residents of the Traverse City area”, TJ Montgomery, President and Co-Founder from Home Advantage Dialysis, stated.

This will be the first program of its kind in Northern Michigan. Grand Traverse Pavilions has provided a very comfortable, newly renovated space where the services will be offered. Home Advantage Dialysis and the Grand Traverse Pavilions have collaborated to bring this new and innovative dialysis program to the area, and they cannot wait to see the benefits it brings to the community.

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**About Grand Traverse Pavilions**
[Grand Traverse Pavilions](https://www.gtpavilions.org) is the region’s first and only nonprofit Continuum of Care. Providing services for more than 300 residents and 100 daily program participants, Grand Traverse Pavilions is a community of caring and innovation primarily for our region’s low-income seniors, with Wellness Center programs for the entire community. Grand Traverse Pavilions has received Nursing Care Center accreditation by the Joint Commission along with Post-Acute Care and Memory Care certifications. A recipient of the Governor’s Quality Care Award, The Pavilions is owned by Grand Traverse County and governed by the Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services Board. Learn more about Grand Traverse Pavilions by visiting [www.gtpavilions.org.](https://www.gtpavilions.org/)

**About Home Advantage Dialysis:**

[Home Advantage Dialysis](http://www.homeadvantagedialysis.com) brings an innovative approach to dialysis treatment. Home Advantage Dialysis offers their patients options and more freedom over the traditional dialysis treatment plans. It is their belief that you should be able to live your life to the fullest even with renal disease, and their services allow their patients to do just that. They provide home hemodialysis training, peritoneal dialysis training, on-site dialysis services in skilled nursing facilities, and respite care. Home Advantage Dialysis is proud to provide a high-quality level of customer service, medical experience, and commitment to health and wellness to all their patients and their care partners. Learn more about Home Advantage Dialysis by visiting [www.homeadvantagedialysis.com](http://www.homeadvantagedialysis.com).