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## PRESS RELEASE

### **Senior Services Available Through the Community Care Program at ICPHD**

The Senior Services team at the Iroquois County Public Health Department is dedicated to serving citizens, age 60 or older, by providing a number of services that facilitate healthy living. The Community Care Program assists senior citizens, who might otherwise require nursing home care, to remain in their homes by providing in-home and community-based services.

This program is essential to Iroquois County due to the increase in aging population. According to the Iroquois County Community Health Improvement Plan, 21.1% of the population of Iroquois County is age 65 or older, considerably higher than the 14.6% state average.

Eligibility for the program includes people who are: 60 years old or older, a U.S. citizen or legal alien and a resident of Illinois, with non-exempt assets of \$17,500 or less (your home, car, or personal furnishings are classified as exempt assets).

This program assists seniors to maintain their independence by providing cost effective alternatives to nursing home placement such as automated medication dispensing, emergency home response, and in-home services. To learn more about the Community Care Program please contact Emily Shay, Director of Senior Services by calling the Iroquois County Public Health Department at 815-432-2483.