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## **Alaska Community Health Care Centers and Clinics Receive Quality Awards**

**Anchorage, Alaska,** (Nov. 15, 2017) – Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is pleased to announce the 2017 winners of the Alaska Primary Care Awards. The awards were presented to nine facilities during the Alaska Primary Care Association Conference on November 15 in Anchorage.

The quality awards are given out each year to recognize Alaska’s community health centers for their undying commitment to improving patient care. All recipients of the awards must demonstrate a dedication to their consumers and their community. Recipients of the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Excellence Award* must meet four clinical measures and show improvement in one financial measure. Recipients of the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Honorable Mention Award* must meet four clinical measures but are not required to show improvement on a financial measure.

“Community health care providers are a critical part of our communities,” says Sharon Scudder, Alaska director for Mountain-Pacific Quality Health. “Because of their continued dedication to improving healthcare, Alaska patients receive quality care every day.”

“The staff at the Alaska Primary Care Association are honored to work with such a great group of devoted health care professionals. At the heart of everything they do is the patient. Alaskans should be proud of the entire Community Health Center system in our state, and especially these leaders in quality,” remarks Nancy Merriman, Executive Director of the APCA.

### **Four facilities received the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Excellence Award*—the highest award possible:**

- Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, Anchorage
- Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation, Dillingham
- Peninsula Community Health Services of Alaska, Soldotna
- Seldovia Village Tribes, Homer, Anchor Point & Seldovia

### **Five facilities received the *Alaska Primary Care Quality Honorable Mention Award*:**

- Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Anchorage
- Seward Community Health Center, Seward
- Girdwood Health Clinic, Girdwood
- Maniilaq Association, Kotzebue
- Yukon Kuskokwim Health Corporation, Bethel

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All community health centers and clinics across Alaska were considered for these awards. Mountain-Pacific appreciates the dedication shown by the winners and recognizes the effort they put forth every day to provide excellent care within their communities.

“Patient safety and quality of care is a priority for Mountain-Pacific,” says Scudder. “All of us at Mountain-Pacific thank these community health care providers for working with us and for their dedication to improve the care they provide.”



**About Mountain-Pacific**—Mountain-Pacific is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation and holds federal and state contracts that allow them to oversee the quality of care for Medicare and Medicaid members. Mountain-Pacific works within its four-state region (Montana, Wyoming, Alaska and Hawaii, which includes the U.S. Pacific Territories of Guam and American Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) to help improve the delivery of health care and the systems that provide it. Mountain-Pacific’s goal is to increase access to high-quality health care that is affordable, safe and of value to the patients they serve. [www.mpqhf.org](http://www.mpqhf.org)

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