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**August 9, 2018****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Wyoming Long-term Care Facilities Receive Quality Health Care Awards**

Cheyenne, Wyo., (Aug. 9, 2018) — Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is proud to announce the winners of the 2018 Nursing Home Quality Awards. Nine Wyoming nursing homes received the top honor—the *Recognition of Quality Excellence Award*. One facility received the *Recognition of Quality Achievement Award* and four facilities received the *Innovator Quality Award*.

Awards were presented on August 9, 2018 in Cheyenne during the Wyoming Quality Health Care Conference. All award recipients showed their dedication to quality care by meeting the high-quality standards required to receive any award level.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) supports the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative (NNHQCC) through the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) program. Mountain-Pacific is the local QIN-QIO for Wyoming.

The NNHQCC's goals are to instill quality and performance improvement practices, eliminate healthcare-acquired conditions and improve resident satisfaction. To measure how well nursing homes are achieving these goals, CMS created a "composite score" system—the lower the score, the better. Mountain-Pacific's Quality Awards are based on each facility's composite score, its licensure with Wyoming's state survey agency, the Office of Healthcare Licensing and Survey and its certification with CMS.

"We appreciate the hard work and dedication of these facilities to deliver high-quality care to their residents and families," said Pat Fritz, Mountain-Pacific's Wyoming director. "Mountain-Pacific is honored to partner with Wyoming's long-term care facilities to promote quality, compassionate care."

Nine facilities received the *Recognition of Quality Excellence Award*, the top award:

- Crook County Medical Service Long-Term Care (LTC), Sundance
- New Horizons Care Center, Lovell
- Life Care Center of Cheyenne, Cheyenne
- Ivinson Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility, Laramie
- Westview Health Care Center, Sheridan
- Douglas Care Center, LLC, Douglas
- St. John's Living Center, Jackson
- Life Care Center of Casper, Casper
- Cheyenne Regional Medical Center TCU, Cheyenne

One facility received the *Recognition of Quality Achievement Award*:

- Green House Living for Sheridan, Sheridan

Four facilities received the *Innovator Quality Award*:

- St. John's Living Center, Jackson
- The Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center, Gillette
- Powell Valley Care Center, Powell
- New Horizons Care Center, Lovell

All Wyoming long-term care facilities are eligible for the Nursing Home Quality Awards. Mountain-Pacific thanks all Wyoming long-term care facilities for their dedication to providing safe, quality care.

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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 region (Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii and 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

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