



## Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Congratulates Montana Hospitals for Providing Award-Winning Care

Mountain-Pacific Quality Health announced this year's quality award winners during the September 23rd – 25th MHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Billings.

The Quality Achievement Award—Mountain-Pacific's top award, went to

- *Barrett Hospital and Healthcare*
- *Billings Clinic*
- *Community Hospital of Anaconda*
- *Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital*

The Commitment to Quality Award went to

- *St. Patrick Hospital*

Hospitals applying for a quality award are required to meet certain criteria outlined by Mountain-Pacific. They must have strong executive involvement in promoting a "quality culture," which focuses on patient-centered care and high performance on national health care measures related to cardiac health, pneumonia, the reduction of unnecessary hospital readmissions and the prevention of dangerous and costly healthcare-associated infections. Hospitals are also required to assess patients experience and to have, or have plans to have a *Patient and Family Engagement Committee* with the intention of involving patients and their families in their efforts to improve patient care.

"Quality health care and ensuring patients receive the best care possible every time takes commitment from the top down," says Christy Fuller, director of Mountain-Pacific's Montana office. "Hospital leadership sets the bar for quality in every aspect of patient care, and dedicated hospital staff make sure the patient experience and their outcomes are the best they can be. We look forward to another year working with Montana hospitals to provide high quality patient care," she adds.

