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## **Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Opens New Office in Guam**

**Helena, Mont.,** (August 25, 2016) – Mountain-Pacific Quality Health announces the opening of a new office on the island of Guam.

Mountain-Pacific is a Quality Improvement Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) that holds federal contracts from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services with the goal of improving health care. By partnering with health care providers, practitioners, stakeholders and patients, Mountain-Pacific aims to achieve better care and healthier populations while lowering health care costs.

Guam, the largest island in Micronesia, has roughly 160,000 residents and is located in the northwest Pacific Ocean. Mountain-Pacific's new office will serve as a resource center for Medicare members and providers in the region.

"Mountain-Pacific has served the Medicare population in Guam in some capacity since 1997," said Sara Medley, Mountain-Pacific's CEO. "The new office in Guam, staffed by three part-time Guamanians, demonstrates our commitment to improving the lives of the people we serve in this region. We are honored to have this opportunity."

Lance Segawa, Mountain-Pacific's Hawaii state director (which includes the territory of Guam), elaborated on what this office means for the residents of Guam and the surrounding communities: "The establishment of the Guam office provides an accessible resource center for Medicare members and community providers. The Guam office sends a positive message to the community that Mountain-Pacific is committed to supporting the territories in improving health care delivery for Medicare members and the broader community."

Mountain-Pacific has offices in Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii and now Guam.

**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, 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](http://www.mpqhf.org)

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