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**September 7, 2016****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Wyoming Hospitals Receive Quality Health Care Awards**

**Casper, Wyo.,** (Sept. 7, 2016) — Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is proud to announce the winners of the 2016 Hospital Quality Awards. The awards were presented to nine Wyoming hospitals during the Wyoming Hospital Association Annual Meeting and Convention in Cheyenne earlier this month.

Each hospital demonstrated a commitment to providing high-quality patient care. All recipients had to reach six quality goals in patient satisfaction, clinical care, and patient and family engagement activities. Mountain-Pacific celebrates these hospitals and looks forward to another year of excellence in Wyoming health care.

“Our hospitals take great pride in providing high-quality care to their patients, and we are honored to recognize their outstanding efforts,” said Pat Fritz, Mountain-Pacific Wyoming director. “The staff and leadership at each of these hospitals have shown their commitment to continually improve health care in Wyoming. We truly appreciate their dedication and hard work.”

**One hospital received the Quality Achievement Award—the highest award possible:**

- North Big Horn Hospital, Lovell

**Six hospitals received the Commitment to Quality Award:**

- Ivins Memorial Hospital, Laramie
- Platte County Memorial Hospital, Wheatland
- Torrington Community Hospital, Torrington
- Campbell County Health, Gillette
- Washakie Medical Center, Worland
- St. John’s Medical Center, Jackson

**One hospital received the Quality Awareness Award:**

- Hot Springs County Memorial Hospital, Thermopolis

**One hospital received the Patient- and Family- Engagement Award:**

- Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County, Rock Springs

All Wyoming hospitals are eligible for Hospital Quality Awards. Award-winning hospitals range from small, rural hospitals to large, urban hospitals. Mountain-Pacific will continue to work with Wyoming hospitals to help ensure every patient receives the safest, highest quality of care possible.



**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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