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Mountain-Pacific Quality Health to Help Transform Health Care in Three Montana Indian Health Service Hospitals

(Helena, Mont.) – Mountain-Pacific Quality Health will partner as a subcontractor for HealthInsight to achieve large-scale health transformation in Montana’s three Indian Health Service (IHS) hospitals: Fort Belknap Hospital, Harlem; Blackfeet Community Hospital, Browning; and Crow Hospital, Crow Agency.

The American Indian/Alaska Native Healthcare Quality Initiative was awarded through a competitive request for proposal process and will be administered by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The focus of this three-year initiative is to improve organizational systems and processes in IHS federal government hospitals that participate in the Medicare program, with the ultimate goal of achieving and sustaining improvements in patient care.

“We are honored to have this opportunity to work on this important initiative,” said Sara Medley, Mountain-Pacific’s CEO. “HealthInsight is a valued partner and I cannot be more pleased to work with such a fine organization. We are committed to improving health care and health outcomes and this partnership will surely strengthen that commitment.”

The focus of the initiative is to solidify structures and processes in leadership, staffing, data acquisition and analytics, clinical standards of care and quality of care. Instilling the principles of continuous quality improvement, the project aims to increase health outcomes by improving patient quality and safety while ensuring patient-centered approaches that focus on culture, traditions and personal wishes.

HealthInsight is the Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) for the southwest region of the U.S., where many IHS federal government-operated hospitals are located.

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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