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**June 25, 2019****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****Wyoming Long-term Care Nursing Homes Receive Quality Health Care Awards**

**Casper, Wyo.**, (June 25, 2019) — Mountain-Pacific Quality Health is proud to announce the winners of the 2019 Nursing Home Quality Awards. Five Wyoming nursing homes received the top honor—the *Recognition of Quality Excellence Award*. Three nursing homes received the *Recognition of Quality Achievement Award* and seven nursing homes received the *Innovator Quality Award*.

Awards were presented on June 25, 2019 in Casper 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.

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

**Five nursing homes received the *Recognition of Quality Excellence Award*, the top award:**

- Crook County Health Services-LTC, Sundance
- Life Care Center of Casper, Casper
- Westview Care Center, Sheridan
- Life Care Center of Cheyenne, Cheyenne
- Poplar Living Center, Casper

**Three nursing homes received the *Recognition of Quality Achievement Award*:**

- Rawlins Rehabilitation and Wellness, Rawlins
- St. John's Living Center, Jackson
- Star Valley Care Center, Afton

**Seven nursing homes received the *Innovator Quality Award*:**

- St. John's Living Center, Jackson
- Weston County Health Services-LTC, Newcastle
- Life Care Center of Casper, Casper
- Powell Valley Care Center, Powell
- Cheyenne Regional Medical Center-TCU, Cheyenne
- Morning Star Care Center, Fort Washakie
- Crook County Health Services-LTC, Sundance

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

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