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**Mountain-Pacific Quality Health Selected as a Recipient of  
QIN-QIO Task Order 1 Award under the 12<sup>th</sup> Statement of Work**

(**Helena, Mont.**) – On November 1, 2019, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) awarded a five-year contract to Mountain-Pacific Quality Health for \$15.5 million to serve as a Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) under the recently launched 12<sup>th</sup> Statement of Work.

QIN-QIOs serving under this new contract will provide targeted assistance to nursing homes and community coalitions in small and rural areas, those serving the most vulnerable populations, and those in need of customized quality improvement. Through this body of work, CMS focuses on results, protecting taxpayer dollars, and most importantly, ensuring the safety and quality of care delivered to every beneficiary.

Under the new contract, Mountain-Pacific will continue to serve its current region, which includes Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific Territories of Guam, American Samoa and Saipan.

“We started in Montana more than 45 years ago and have grown and expanded both in geography and breadth of services,” said Mountain-Pacific CEO Sara Medley. “We know our region and our communities well, and we have established trusted and valued local, state and national partnerships. We are eager to continue collaborating with health care providers, patients, caregivers and families to provide solutions for better health and improved health care that is more cost effective.”

Mountain-Pacific will be responsible for improving quality in poor-performing nursing homes, as well as small and rural communities and those serving vulnerable populations by:

- Improving behavioral health outcomes, including opioid misuse
- Increasing patient safety
- Increasing chronic disease self-management
- Increasing the quality of care transitions
- Improving nursing home quality

For more information about Mountain-Pacific’s work under CMS, go to [www.mpqhf.org/qio](http://www.mpqhf.org/qio), and for more on QIN-QIOs, please visit [qioprogram.org](http://qioprogram.org).

**About Mountain-Pacific Quality Health**—Mountain-Pacific is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and holds federal, state and commercial contracts to oversee the quality of care for patients and families, especially Medicare beneficiaries and Medicaid members. Mountain-Pacific works within Montana, Wyoming, Alaska, Hawaii and the U.S. Pacific Territories of Guam, American Samoa and Saipan to help identify innovation solutions to 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 patients and communities. Learn more at [www.mpqhf.org](http://www.mpqhf.org).

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