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Barrett Hospital & HealthCare Launches Hybrid Hospitalist Coverage

Dillon, MT., July 17, 2023 – Barrett Hospital & HealthCare announced that it will launch a hybrid nocturnal (7 pm–7 am) teleHospitalist care program on September 1, 2023, in partnership with Access TeleCare.

Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is committed to a hybrid patient-focused hospitalist care delivery model that provides the same level of quality and service to patients, integrates with medical staff and supports nursing staff. Barrett selected Access TeleCare because of its track record of providing high-quality care to hospitals that are similar in size and scope of services.

By utilizing cutting-edge telecommunication technology, Access TeleCare's teleHospitalists seamlessly collaborate and interact with Barrett Hospital & HealthCare's care teams at the patient's bedside. The program mimics in-person care, using clear live video and audio, so providers can easily diagnose the patient's symptoms around-the-clock for admission, discharge and for any necessary referrals for specialty care needs.

"Barrett's partnership with Access TeleCare is another example of our commitment to providing patients with high-quality advanced healthcare close to home," said Taylor Rose, Barrett Hospital & HealthCare's Chief Executive Officer. "Patients in rural areas like Beaverhead County often face significant barriers to accessing healthcare, such as scarce resources and limited availability of providers. This new hybrid hospitalist approach, with both remote and in-person care, will be more focused on each patient. The program also will allow our Internal Medicine physicians to return to a clinic setting. This will create more access to care that we know will be greatly appreciated by both patients and their families."

The role of technology has become crucial in improving healthcare delivery in rural areas. Responding to these challenges, Barrett Hospital & HealthCare began its virtual technology transformation years ago with the use of Telehealth. Since then, Barrett has been adopting additional virtual technology capabilities, bringing Telestroke, Telesleep, and Telepsychiatry services to Beaverhead County. The teleHospitalist program is the latest virtual technology care service model Barrett Hospital & HealthCare offers.

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About Barrett Hospital & HealthCare:

Established in 1922, Barrett Hospital & HealthCare is a non-profit Critical Access Hospital (CAH) and medical clinic provider in Dillon, Montana. Based on The Chartis Center's Rural Hospital Performance Index, the National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has recognized Barrett Hospital & HealthCare as a Top 20 CAH five times. For more information, visit www.barrethospital.org