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**Brian Rah, M.D., Receives The Montana Medical Association Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award**

*Billings Physician Awarded for Important Healthcare Contributions*

**Helena, MT, October 2, 2025** – The Montana Medical Association (MMA) is pleased to announce that Brian Rah, M.D., of Billings, received the state’s top honor for physicians, *The Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award*, in recognition of his visionary leadership and enduring contributions to the expansion of cardiovascular care in Montana.

*The Doctor Jack McMahon Service to Montana Physicians Award* recognizes physicians who have made exceptional contributions through advocacy and leadership to advance patient care and the medical profession. Physicians are nominated by their colleagues and the recipients are selected based on their demonstrated impact, commitment, and service.

Brian Rah, M.D., was presented the award during the 147<sup>th</sup> MMA Annual Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup> for his efforts of the expansion of cardiovascular services in Montana. For more than a decade, Dr. Rah served as the Physician Chief of Cardiology at Billings Clinic, where he oversaw a remarkable expansion of cardiology services. His leadership was instrumental in the launch of a full-service cardiology practice in Missoula, initiation of cardiovascular services at the Billings Clinic Bozeman, and fostering collaboration with Logan Healthcare.

Working closely with cardiovascular surgery colleagues, Dr. Rah played a pivotal role in the launch a statewide mobile ECMO program, enabling life-saving interventions at hospitals that otherwise lacked this advanced capability. While his expertise is as an interventional cardiologist, Dr. Rau continues to provide general cardiology care, personally staffing clinics from Polson to the Wyoming state line. Over the years, he has been a tireless advocate for the patients and has been steadfast in his resolve to increase access to advanced cardiovascular services statewide.

Though Dr. Rah recently transitioned from his role as chief, he remains a trusted leader and source of guidance within the Billings Clinic system. Known for his willingness to answer clinical questions at any hour and provide sage advice for navigating the complexities of the modern medicine - from staffing to reimbursement to emerging technologies-he exemplifies the spirit of service and advocacy at the heart of this award.