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**Peak Vista Proud Recipient of Delta Dental's Colorado Medical-Dental
Integration Project (CO MDI) Funding**

Colorado Springs, Colo. – Peak Vista Community Health Centers (Peak Vista) announces participation in The Colorado Medical-Dental Integration (CO MDI) Project.

Delta Dental of Colorado Foundation (DDCOF) announced that it will provide \$3.3 million in funding over four years to ten Colorado nonprofit medical practices to integrate a dental hygienist into their medical team to provide dental services. This funding is part of Wave II of DDCOF's CO MDI Project. Peak Vista began receiving funding in April 2018.

The 10 practices were selected to receive funding because of their ability to demonstrate:

- Potential for sustainability in providing a medical home to Coloradans experiencing oral health disparities, with an emphasis related to poverty or geography;
- A clear desire to expand patient services to include full scope preventive dental care; and
- A readiness for medical-dental integration.

Peak Vista will continue to provide access to dental care to families with limited access due to transportation issues, geography and lack of insurance.

According to Delta Dental, "We are honored to partner with 10 new medical practices as part of the CO MDI Project," said Allison Cusick, executive director of DDCOF. "The Wave II CO MDI grantees will serve a majority of patients in communities where there are few dental providers. By expanding the CO MDI Project through the work of these grantees, we hope to improve oral health equity and reduce disparities throughout the state."

About Peak Vista Community Health Centers

Peak Vista Community Health Centers is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide exceptional health care to people facing access barriers through clinical programs and education. Established in 1971, Peak Vista now offers primary medical, dental and behavioral health services to over 92,000 patients annually in the Pikes Peak and the East Central regions. To learn more about Peak Vista, visit peakvista.org.

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