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PEDIATRICIAN W. RAY BYERS, M.D. JOINS KVHC

PATTEN, ME – February 20, 2006 -- Katahdin Valley Health Center, with medical offices in Patten, Houlton, Island Falls and Millinocket, is pleased to announce that William Ray Byers, M.D. has joined its Patten and Millinocket medical facilities as a practicing pediatrician.

Dr. Byers has provided medical care to Maine residents since April 2000 in the Caribou area. Prior to that time, he practiced pediatric medicine in Pennsylvania. From 1985 to 1996 he practiced in the Farmington, Maine area.

Born in Pennsylvania and raised in Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, Dr. Byers completed his pediatric residency and internship at Hahnemann Hospital and Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He received his Doctor of Medicine degree from Drexel University – Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia and a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry, *cum laude*, from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Byers holds a medical license from the state of Maine and certifications with the American Board of Pediatrics and American Board of Medical Examiners. He was previously a neonatal resuscitation program instructor. He is applying for hospital privileges in the area.

Dr. Byers has practiced primary care and hospital pediatric medicine for two decades in rural Maine, Pennsylvania and Texas.

“I look forward to providing quality care to infants, children and teens in this area. I have a special interest in the care of children with developmental difficulties and the care of children with asthma,” said Dr. Byers.

“On a personal note, the Katahdin Region offers wonderful opportunities for the outdoor enthusiast. I especially enjoy hiking, particularly in Baxter State Park, and look forward to exploring more trails on Mount Katahdin. I also understand that Gulf Hagas is a beautiful area and plan to spend some time this summer hiking into this part of the Appalachian Trail corridor.”

KVHC Executive Director Durward Humphrey said, “We are delighted that Dr. Byers elected to join KVHC’s team. He brings a wealth of experience and expertise to KVHC and is committed to providing the highest standard of care to our pediatric patients in the Katahdin Region.”

Dr. Byers is accepting new pediatric patients up to age 18. Appointments can be made by calling 528-2285 or KVHC’s toll free telephone line at 1-866-366-5842.

Katahdin Valley Health Center (KVHC) is a provider of high quality, cost effective primary health, dental, substance abuse and mental health care to the people in the Greater Katahdin Region. A Federally Qualified Health Center, KVHC is a nonprofit business governed by a board of directors, comprised of area volunteers, funded by a federal grant under Section 330 of the Public Health Service Act of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. KVHC employs 50 people at its facilities in Millinocket, Houlton, Patten and Island Falls.

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