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CATALINA MELO, M.D. JOINS KVHC'S MILLINOCKET MEDICAL FACILITY

PATTEN and MILLINOCKET, ME – October 21, 2005 -- Katahdin Valley Health Center, with offices in Patten, Island Falls and Millinocket, is pleased to announce that Catalina Melo, M.D. has joined KVHC as a staff psychiatrist, based in the organization's Millinocket medical facility on a part-time basis..

Dr. Melo comes to KVHC in partnership with Community Health and Counseling Services of Lincoln.

She is a native of Colombia, where she earned her medical degree from the Instituto de Ciencias de La Salud CES in 1998. While there, she earned the 1998 *Manuel Uribe Angel Award*, presented to the best intern of the year in Medellin, Colombia.

Dr. Melo worked at hospitals and clinics in Medellin and Jardin, Colombia, before coming to America to begin her studies in psychiatry. She follows in the footsteps of her uncle, who also came from Colombia to the United States to practice internal medicine.

In June 2005 Dr. Melo completed four years of training in psychiatry at the University of Virginia. Upon graduating from the University of Virginia, Dr. Melo says, “I opted to seek a professional position in the Northeast because of the cultural differences the region offers, because of its proximity to the coast and because I enjoy the winter months.”

Dr. Melo is registered and licensed to practice medicine and surgery with the state of Maine.

KVHC Executive Director Durward Humphrey said, “We are delighted that Dr. Melo elected to join the KVHC team. She brings a wealth of expertise to KVHC and is committed to providing the highest standard of psychiatric care to our patients in the Katahdin Region. Substance abuse, stress, depression and relationship problems are issues that affect people of all ages. We are very pleased that Dr. Melo has relocated to our region to assist our patients with these very personal matters.”

Dr. Melo is accepting new patients of all ages. Appointments can be made by calling 723-6551.

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, Patten and Island Falls.

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