Dr. Jay Taylor is a living, breathing example of dedication to rural healthcare. He is our MD at Pondera Medical Center; but is truly so much more to our facility and our community.

Dr. Taylor was born and raised in Conrad, graduating from CHS in 1992. After high school, he graduated from Carroll College in 1996 with degree in Biology and minor in Chemistry before going onto the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center School of Medicine in Denver, graduating in 2002. He spent 1 year in Billings at the Montana Family Medicine Residency, and then went to Wray Colorado for 2 years for rural family medicine training.

Along with providing coverage for our Emergency Department, seeing clinic patients, performing endoscopy services, and serving as our Chief of Staff on the PMC Administration team, Dr. Taylor takes part in all of our public events, even with a very busy schedule. He and his family run in our annual fun run. He is present every year at our Health Fair. He is one of the lead organizers for our largest fundraiser, the annual Golf Tournament; and sponsors several teams every year. Our employees enjoy a beautiful café that he and his wife refurbished. The Taylor Family provides one employee every month with a café gift card, just out of kindness. Dr. Taylor graciously offered his home for a bbq to host a visiting physician. That’s just a small example of the generosity we are bestowed by the Taylors. We are so fortunate to have a Doctor of this caliber in our facility.

The Taylor Family truly has done so much for Pondera Medical Center; but it doesn’t end there. Dr. Taylor and his wife Monica are the ideal community members. They are present at sporting events, fundraisers, community events. They have two children in our public schools and both children are very active in sports, school plays, and extra curriculars. Dr. Taylor is a volunteer golf coach and the most recent elected school board member. Dr. Taylor has made an active investment in our youth- hosting basketball skills camp, attending sporting events for injuries, and acting as a mentor to many in our facility and town. The entire family is active in their hometown, and our patients recognize and appreciate that tremendously.

If this award entails “integrity” as a trait, Dr. Taylor is absolutely the worthy recipient. He has all the integrity in the world and is truly invested in providing quality care to his hometown. Patients would be willing to wait months to see Dr. Taylor, because he has such a great reputation for quality and compassion. The Value of the services we provide will continue to rise from the innovation, hard work and proactive approaches from the PMC team, led by the efforts of Dr. Taylor.

Thank you for considering Conrad’s hometown hero, Dr. Jay Taylor, for the Frank Newman Rural Clinician Leadership Award. He is a true champion of this honorable mission.