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Top critical access hospitals announced

The 20 highest-ranked critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country, as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health, were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during [NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference](#) in September in Kansas City, Mo.

The determining factors for the top 20 CAHs are based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX and its eight indices of performance: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and finance. This elite group of hospitals was selected from the Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2022 top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

Forty best practice designations were also given to facilities that achieved success in one of two key areas of performance: 1) quality: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures, and 2) patient perspective: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

"NRHA is committed to ensuring our members have the best information to manage their hospitals," says Brock Slabach, NRHA chief operations officer. "We're pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these rural hospitals." The list of winners and best practice recipients, in alphabetical order and by category, is included below:

TOP 20 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

Aspirus Ironwood Hospital and Clinics	Ironwood, Mich.
Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital and Clinic	Miller, S.D.
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare	Dillon, Mont.
Boone County Health Center	Albion, Neb.
Cass Health	Atlantic, Iowa
Community Memorial Healthcare, Inc	Marysville, Kan.
Fairview Hospital	Great Barrington, Mass.
Greater Regional Health	Creston, Iowa
Guthrie County Hospital	Guthrie Center, Iowa
Jamestown Regional Medical Center	Jamestown, N.D.
Kossuth Regional Health Center	Algona, Iowa
Livingston HealthCare	Livingston, Mont.
Logan Health - Whitefish	Whitefish, Mont.
Loring Hospital	Sac City, Iowa
Madison Regional Health System	Madison, S.D.

Pella Regional Health Center
Penn Highlands Elk
Wallowa Memorial Hospital
West River Health Services
Westfields Hospital and Clinic

Pella, Iowa
Saint Marys, Pa.
Enterprise, Ore.
Hettinger, N.D.
New Richmond, Wis.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Cascade Medical
CHI Health Missouri Valley
Coffey County Hospital
Cox Barton County Hospital
DLP Conemaugh Meyersdale Medical Center
Edgefield County Healthcare
Grafton City Hospital
Harper County Community Hospital
Jefferson County Hospital
Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital
Mercy Hospital Booneville
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher
Mercy Hospital Logan County
Mercy Hospital Paris
Mercy Hospital Tishomingo
Minnie Hamilton Health System
Molokai General Hospital
Pershing General Hospital
St. Andrews Health Center
Washington County Hospital

Leavenworth, Wash.
Missouri Valley, Iowa
Burlington, Kan.
Lamar, Mo.
Meyersdale, Pa.
Edgefield, S.C.
Grafton, W.V.
Buffalo, Okla.
Waurika, Okla.
Medicine Lodge, Kan.
Booneville, Ark.
Kingfisher, Okla.
Guthrie, Okla.
Paris, Ark.
Tishomingo, Okla.
Grantsville, W.V.
Kaunakakai, Hawaii
Lovelock, Nev.
Bottineau, N.D.
Nashville, Ill.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION

Avera Dells Area Hospital
Bigfork Valley Hospital
Fairview Hospital
Guttenberg Municipal Hospital & Clinics
Hamilton General Hospital
Holton Community Hospital
Hopedale Medical Complex
Kirby Medical Center
Kittson Healthcare
Madelia Health
McDowell ARH Hospital
Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County
Moab Regional Hospital
Platte Health Center Avera
Sabetha Community Hospital
Sanpete Valley Hospital
St. James Parish Hospital
Syracuse Area Health
Tallahatchie General Hospital
Union General Hospital

Dell Rapids, S.D.
Bigfork, Minn.
Great Barrington, Mass.
Guttenberg, Iowa
Hamilton, Texas
Holton, Kan.
Hopedale, Ill.
Monticello, Ill.
Hallock, Minn.
Madelia, Minn.
McDowell, Ky.
Darlington, Wis.
Moab, Utah
Platte, S.D.
Sabetha, Kan.
Mount Pleasant, Utah
Lutcher, La.
Syracuse, Neb.
Charleston, Miss.
Farmerville, La.

About NRHA

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA's membership is made up of diverse individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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