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### **Top rural community hospitals announced**

The 20 highest ranked prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals in the country, as determined by iVantage Health Analytics, were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). These rural community hospitals will be recognized in an awards ceremony during NRHA's Rural Health Innovation Hospital Summit May 11 in San Diego.

The determining factors for the top 20 rural community hospitals were based on eight indices: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, costs, charges and financial stability.

"NRHA is committed to ensuring our members have the best information to manage their hospitals," said Brock Slabach, NRHA membership services senior vice president. "And we're pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these rural community hospitals."

The top 20 rural community hospital winners, in alphabetical order, are:

Avera Queen of Peace Hospital	Mitchell, S.D.
Bozeman Health	Bozeman, Mont.
Brookings Health System	Brookings, S.D.
Campbell County Health	Gillette, Wyo.
Castleview Hospital	Price, Utah
Cedar City Hospital	Cedar City, Utah
Central Vermont Medical Center	Berlin, Vt.
Chippewa County War Memorial Hospital	Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.
Kalispell Regional Medical Center	Kalispell, Mont.
Major Health Partners	Shelbyville, Ind.
Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center	Jasper, Ind.
Mercy Medical Center	Roseburg, Ore.
MidMichigan Medical Center	Alpena, Mich.
Montrose Memorial Hospital	Montrose, Colo.
Northern Maine Medical Center	Fort Kent, Maine
Olympic Medical Center	Port Angeles, Wash.
Peterson Regional Medical Center	Kerrville, Texas
Sheridan Memorial Hospital	Sheridan, Wyo.

St. James Healthcare  
St. Peter's Hospital

Butte, Mont.  
Helena, Mont.

**About the National Rural Health Association**

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. NRHA membership is made up of 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health. For more information, visit [RuralHealthWeb.org](http://RuralHealthWeb.org).

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