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Top rural and community hospitals announced

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has announced the 20 highest-ranked prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals in the country based on an evaluation by the Chartis Center for Rural Health. The hospitals are identified using the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX, the most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural PPS hospital performance. These hospitals will be recognized May 12 during [NRHA's Rural Hospital Innovation Summit](#) in Albuquerque, N.M.

The determining factors for the top 20 rural and community hospitals are based on eight indices: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency.

“NRHA is committed to ensuring our members have the best information to manage their hospitals,” says Brock Slabach, NRHA membership services senior vice president. “We’re pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these rural and community hospitals.”

The top 20 rural and community hospitals are:

Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc County	Two Rivers, Wis.
Avera Sacred Heart Hospital	Yankton, S.D.
Brookings Health System	Brookings, S.D.
Castleview Hospital	Price, Utah
Cedar City Hospital	Cedar City, Utah
Garrett Regional Medical Center	Oakland, Md.
Hays Medical Center	Hays, Kan.
Jefferson Hospital	Louisville, Ga.
Lakes Regional Healthcare	Spirit Lake, Iowa
Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center	Jasper, Ind.
Mercy Health – Tiffin Hospital	Tiffin, Ohio
Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital	Cadillac, Mich.
MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena	Alpena, Mich.
Prairie Lakes Healthcare System	Watertown, S.D.
Punxsutawney Area Hospital	Punxsutawney, Pa.
Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital	Onancock, Va.
Schneck Medical Center	Seymour, Ind.
Seymour Hospital	Seymour, Texas
Spencer Hospital	Spencer, Iowa
UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center	Steamboat Springs, Colo.

About NRHA

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing 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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