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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 were based on the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® and its eight indices of performance including inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, cost, charge and financial stability. This elite group was selected from The Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2018 Top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

Forty "best practice" designations were also given to facilities that have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance, based on INDEX results: 1) Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures and 2) patient perspective index: 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," said Brock Slabach, NRHA membership services senior vice president. "And we're pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these rural hospitals."

The list of Top 20 winners and best practice recipients, in alphabetical order and by category, is included below.

TOP 20 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS:

Androscoggin Valley Hospital
Aspirus Ironwood Hospital & Clinics, Inc.
Aspirus Langlade Hospital
Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital
Avera Holy Family Hospital
Barrett Memorial Hospital
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital
Box Butte General Hospital
Central Montana Medical Center

Berlin, N.H.
Ironwood, Mich.
Antigo, Wis.
Miller, S.D.
Estherville, Iowa
Dillon, Mont.
Montpelier, Idaho
Alliance, Neb.
Lewistown, Mont.

CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington
Community Hospital
Community Medical Center
Floyd Valley Healthcare
Grande Ronde Hospital
Jefferson Community Health Center
Livingston Healthcare
Riverwood Healthcare Center
Transylvania Regional Hospital
Wallowa Memorial Hospital
West River Regional Medical Center

Carrington, N.D.
McCook, Neb.
Falls City, Neb.
Le Mars, Iowa
La Grande, Ore.
Fairbury, Neb.
Livingston, Mont.
Aitkin, Minn.
Brevard, N.C.
Enterprise, Ore.
Hettinger, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY:

Baum Harmon Mercy Hospital
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital
Bigfork Valley Hospital
Butler County Health Care Center
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann
CHI Health Missouri Valley
CHI Health Plainview
Cozad Community Hospital
Franklin County Memorial Hospital
Gordon Memorial Hospital
Grisell Memorial Hospital
Gundersen St. Joseph’s Hospital and Clinics
Howard County Medical Center
Kingman Community Hospital
Lafayette Regional Health Center
Mercy Hospital Tishomingo
Mitchell County Hospital District
Sanford Westbrok Medical Center
St. Andrew’s Health Center
St. Luke Hospital and Living Center

Primghar, Iowa
Montpelier, Idaho
Bigfork, Minn.
David City, Neb.
Callicoon, N.Y.
Missouri Valley, Iowa
Plainview, Neb.
Cozad, Neb.
Franklin, Neb.
Gordon, Neb.
Ransom, Kan.
Hillsboro, Wis.
Saint Paul, Neb.
Kingman, Kan.
Lexington, Mo.
Tishomingo, Okla.
Colorado City, Texas
Westbrook, Minn.
Bottineau, N.D.
Marion, Kan.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION:

Anderson County Hospital
Bigfork Valley Hospital
CHI Health Mercy Corning
Electra Memorial Hospital
Grace Cottage Hospital
Gundersen Tri-County Hospital and Clinics
Harper County Community Hospital
Hopedale Hospital
Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmond
Kirby Medical Center
Laird Hospital
Mercy Hospital Cassville

Garnett, Kan.
Bigfork, Minn.
Corning, Iowa
Electra, Texas
Townshend, Vt.
Whitehall, Wis.
Buffalo, Okla.
Hopedale, Ill.
Belmond, Iowa
Monticello, Ill.
Union, Miss.
Cassville, Mo.

Mitchell County Hospital District
Murray County Medical Center
Osmond General Hospital
Pawnee County Memorial Hospital
Sanford Hillsboro Medical Center
Sanford Mayville Medical Center
Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital
Spanish Peaks Regional Health Center

Colorado City, Texas
Slayton, Minn.
Osmond, Neb.
Pawnee City, Neb.
Hillsboro, N.D.
Mayville, N.D.
Solvang, Calif.
Walsenburg, Colo.

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.

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