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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 2025 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

Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital and Clinic  
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare  
Beatrice Community Hospital  
Bitterroot Health – Daly Hospital  
Boone County Health Center  
Carroll County Memorial Hospital  
Cass Health  
Central Montana Medical Center  
CHI St Alexius Health Carrington  
Community Medical Center  
Hampshire Memorial Hospital  
Jamestown Regional Medical Center  
Lafayette Hospital + Clinics  
Mt. San Rafael Hospital  
Nemaha Valley Community Hospital

Miller, S.D.  
Dillon, Mont.  
Beatrice, Neb.  
Hamilton, Mont.  
Albion, Neb.  
Carrollton, Mo.  
Atlantic, Iowa  
Lewistown, Mont.  
Carrington, N.D.  
Falls City, Neb.  
Romney, W.Va.  
Jamestown, N.D.  
Darlington, Wis.  
Trinidad, Colo.  
Seneca, Kan.

New Ulm Medical Center  
Phelps Memorial Health Center  
Rio Grande Hospital  
Towner County Medical Center  
UnityPoint Health - Jones Regional Medical Center

New Ulm, Minn.  
Holdrege, Neb.  
Del Norte, Colo.  
Cando, N.D.  
Anamosa, Iowa

#### BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Coteau des Prairies Health Care System  
Henderson Health Care Services  
Kiowa District Healthcare  
Lady of the Sea General Hospital  
Lane County Hospital  
McCone County Health Center  
Mercy Hospital Healdton  
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher  
Mercy Hospital Logan County  
Mercy Hospital Tishomingo  
Molokai General Hospital  
Myrtue Medical Center  
Palacios Community Medical Center  
Pembina County Memorial Hospital  
Rio Grande Hospital  
Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital  
Sanford Hillsboro  
SMP Health - Saint Aloisius  
Tioga Medical Center  
Towner County Medical Center

Sisseton, S.D.  
Henderson, Neb.  
Kiowa, Kan.  
Cut Off, La.  
Dighton, Kan.  
Circle, Mont.  
Healdton, Okla.  
Kingfisher, Okla.  
Guthrie, Okla.  
Tishomingo, Okla.  
Kaunakakai, Hawaii  
Harlan, Iowa  
Palacios, Texas  
Cavalier, N.D.  
Del Norte, Colo.  
Kapaa, Hawaii  
Hillsboro, N.D.  
Harvey, N.D.  
Tioga, N.D.  
Cando, N.D.

#### BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION

Aspirus Lake View Hospital  
Avera Dells Area Hospital  
Bigfork Valley Hospital  
CHI Health - Mercy Corning  
Coleman County Medical Center  
Community Memorial Hospital  
ECU Health Bertie Hospital  
Edgerton Hospital and Health Sciences  
Electra Memorial Hospital  
Franklin General Hospital  
Hegg Health Center  
Highpoint Health–Trousdale  
Kittson Healthcare  
Lynn County Hospital District  
Midwest Medical Center  
Nemaha Valley Community Hospital  
North Shore Health  
Scheurer Health  
Tallahatchie General Hospital  
Towner County Medical Center

Two Harbors, Minn.  
Dell Rapids, S.D.  
Bigfork, Minn.  
Corning, Iowa  
Coleman, Texas  
Burke, S.D.  
Windsor, N.C.  
Edgerton, Wis.  
Electra, Texas  
Hampton, Iowa  
Rock Valley, Iowa  
Hartsville, Tenn.  
Hallock, Minn.  
Tahoka, Texas  
Galena, Ill.  
Seneca, Kan.  
Grand Marais, Minn.  
Pigeon, Mich.  
Charleston, Miss.  
Cando, N.D.

**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 unique individuals and organizations from across the country, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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