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## National Rural Health Association

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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 21 during [NRHA's Annual Rural Health Conference](#) in San Diego, Calif.

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 finance.

“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 and community hospitals.”

The top 20 rural and community hospitals are:

Alomere Health	Alexandria, Minn.
Avera Sacred Heart Hospital	Yankton, S.D.
Brookings Health System	Brookings, S.D.
Chambers Memorial Hospital	Danville, Ark.
CHI Mercy Health	Roseburg, Ore.
HSHS St. Joseph's Hospital Breese	Breese, Ill.
Hutchinson Health	Hutchinson, Minn.
Intermountain Health Cedar City Hospital	Cedar City, Utah
Intermountain Health Sevier Valley Hospital	Richfield, Utah
Iverson Memorial Hospital	Laramie, Wyo.
Jones Memorial Hospital	Wellsville, N.Y.
Labette Health	Parsons, Kan.
OhioHealth Van Wert Hospital	Van Wert, Ohio
Peterson Health	Kerrville, Texas
Riverside Walter Reed Hospital	Gloucester, Va.
Sheridan Memorial Hospital	Sheridan, Wyo.
Spencer Hospital	Spencer, Iowa
SSM Health St. Clare Hospital - Baraboo	Baraboo, Wis.
St. John's Health	Jackson, Wyo.
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 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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