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Top critical access hospitals announced

The 20 highest ranked critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country, as determined by iVantage Health Analytics, 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 eight indices of strength including inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, costs, charges and financial stability. This elite group was selected from iVantage's 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 iVantage's tabulation: 1) Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across the five categories of the company's hospital compare process of care measures and 2) patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank on two HCAHPS measures ("overall rating" and "highly recommend").

"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:

Aspirus Ironwood Hospital & Clinics, Inc.	Ironwood, Mich.
Aspirus Iron River Hospital & Clinics, Inc.	Iron River, Mich.
Audubon County Memorial Hospital	Audubon, Iowa
Avera Holy Family Hospital	Estherville, Iowa
Carrington Health Center	Carrington, N.D.
Central Montana Medical Center	Lewistown, Mont.
Cherokee Regional Medical Center	Cherokee, Iowa
Door County Medical Center	Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
Floyd Valley Healthcare	Le Mars, Iowa
Grande Ronde Hospital	La Grande, Ore.

Kimble Hospital
Livingston Healthcare
New Ulm Medical Center
Phillips County Health Systems
Riverwood Healthcare Center
Smith County Memorial Hospital
St. Luke's Medical Center
Steele Memorial Medical Center
Wallowa Memorial Hospital
West River Regional Medical Center

Junction, Texas
Livingston, Mont.
New Ulm, Minn.
Phillipsburg, Kan.
Aitkin, Minn.
Smith Center, Kan.
Crosby, N.D.
Salmon, Idaho
Enterprise, Ore.
Hettinger, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY:

Aultman Orrville Hospital
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann
Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital
CHI Health Mercy Corning
CHI Health Plainview
Community Healthcare System, Onaga & St. Mary's
Dickenson Community Hospital
Genesis Medical Center - Dewitt
Holdenville General Hospital
Lafayette Regional Health Center
Mayo Clinic Health System - Saint James
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher
Mercy Hospital Logan County
Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital
Mitchell County Hospital District
River Falls Area Hospital
Riverview Regional Medical Center
Sanford Luverne Medical Center
St. Elizabeth Grant
TriStar Ashland City Medical Center

Orrville, Ohio
Callicoon, N.Y.
Greenville, Maine
Corning, Iowa
Plainview, Neb.
Onaga, Kan.
Clintwood, Va.
Dewitt, Iowa
Holdenville, Okla.
Lexington, Mo.
St. James, Minn.
Kingfisher, Okla.
Guthrie, Okla.
Tomahawk, Wis.
Colorado City, Texas
River Falls, Wis.
Carthage, Tenn.
Luverne, Minn.
Williamstown, Ky.
Ashland City, Tenn.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION:

Bigfork Valley Hospital
Bluffton Hospital
Callaway District Hospital
CHI Health Schuyler
Collingsworth General Hospital
Comanche County Hospital
Eureka Community Health Services - Avera
Fairview Regional Medical Center
Franklin County Memorial Hospital
Grace Cottage Hospital
Henderson Health Care
Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmond
Kahuku Medical Center

Bigfork, Minn.
Bluffton, Ohio
Callaway, Neb.
Schuyler, Neb.
Wellington, Texas
Coldwater, Kan.
Eureka, S.D.
Fairview, Okla.
Meadville, Miss.
Townshend, Vt.
Henderson, Neb.
Belmond, Iowa
Kahuku, Hawaii

Kirby Medical Center
Milford Valley Memorial Hospital
Power County Hospital District
Sanford Wheaton Medical Center
St. Luke's Hospital
Steele Memorial Medical Center
Union General Hospital

Monticello, Ill.
Milford, Utah
American Falls, Idaho
Wheaton, Minn.
Crosby, N.D.
Salmon, Idaho
Farmerville, La.

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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