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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	Miller, S.D.
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare	Dillon, Mont.
Beatrice Community Hospital	Beatrice, Neb.
Bitterroot Health – Daly Hospital	Hamilton, Mont.
Boone County Health Center	Albion, Neb.
Carroll County Memorial Hospital	Carrollton, Mo.
Cass Health	Atlantic, Iowa
Central Montana Medical Center	Lewistown, Mont.
CHI St Alexius Health Carrington	Carrington, N.D.
Community Medical Center	Falls City, Neb.
Hampshire Memorial Hospital	Romney, W.Va.
Jamestown Regional Medical Center	Jamestown, N.D.
Lafayette Hospital + Clinics	Darlington, Wis.
Mt. San Rafael Hospital	Trinidad, Colo.
Nemaha Valley Community Hospital	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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