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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 2024 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

Antelope Memorial Hospital
Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare
Beatrice Community Hospital & Health Center
Boone County Health Center
Cass Health
Central Valley Medical Center - CAH
CHI St Alexius Health Carrington Medical Center
Cobleskill Regional Hospital
Floyd Valley Healthcare
Hampshire Memorial Hospital
Jamestown Regional Medical Center
Mayo Clinic Health System - Red Cedar in Menomonie
Mercy Hospital Paris
Myrtue Medical Center

Neligh, Neb.
Miller, S.D.
Dillon, Mont.
Beatrice, Neb.
Albion, Neb.
Atlantic, Iowa
Nephi, Utah
Carrington, N.D.
Cobleskill, N.Y.
Le Mars, Iowa
Romney, W.Va.
Jamestown, N.D.
Menomonie, Wis.
Paris, Ark.

Harlan, Iowa

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital Seneca, Kan.
Rice County District Hospital Lyons, Kan.
Star Valley Health Afton, Wyo.

War Memorial Hospital Berkeley Springs, W.Va. Washington County Hospital Washington, Iowa

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Beaver County Memorial Hospital Beaver, Okla. Coteau des Prairies Health Care System Hospital Sisseton, S.D. Cox Barton County Hospital Lamar, Mo.

Grundy County Memorial Hospital Grundy Center, Iowa

Hopedale Medical Complex

Jefferson County Hospital

Lady of the Sea General Hospital

Mercy Hospital Kingfisher

Mercy Hospital Logan County

Mercy Hospital Tishomingo

Mercy Hospital Waldron

Hopedale, Ill.

Waurika, Okla.

Cut Off, La.

Kingfisher, Okla.

Guthrie, Okla.

Tishomingo, Okla.

Waldron, Ark.

Molokai General Hospital Kaunakakai, Hawaii

Moore County Hospital District Dumas, Texas North Big Horn Hospital Lovell, Wyo. Ochsner Stennis Hospital DeKalb, Miss. Pembina County Memorial Hospital Cavalier, N.D. Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital Kapaa, Hawaii Tioga Medical Center Tioga, N.D. **Towner County Medical Center** Cando, N.D. Wabash General Hospital Mount Carmel, Ill.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS - PATIENT SATISFACTION

Antelope Memorial Hospital Neligh, Neb. Bigfork, Minn. Bigfork Valley Hospital Bowdle Hospital - Critical Access Hospital Bowdle, S.D. Callaway District Hospital Callaway, Neb. CHI Oakes Hospital Oakes, N.D. Coleman County Medical Center Coleman, Texas Community Memorial Hospital Burke, S.D. Edgerton Hospital and Health Services Edgerton, Wis. Electra Memorial Hospital Electra, Texas Franklin General Hospital Hampton, Iowa Garfield Memorial Hospital Panguitch, Utah Henderson, Neb. Henderson Health Care Jetmore, Kan. Hodgeman County Health Center Madison County Memorial Hospital Winterset, Iowa Manning Regional Healthcare Center Manning, Iowa Martin County Hospital Stanton, Texas Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County Darlington, Wis. North Shore Health Grand Marais, Minn.

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Syracuse Area Health

Union General Hospital

Grand Marais, M

Syracuse, Neb.

Farmerville, La.

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

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