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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	Neligh, Neb.
Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital	Miller, S.D.
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare	Dillon, Mont.
Beatrice Community Hospital & Health Center	Beatrice, Neb.
Boone County Health Center	Albion, Neb.
Cass Health	Atlantic, Iowa
Central Valley Medical Center - CAH	Nephi, Utah
CHI St Alexius Health Carrington Medical Center	Carrington, N.D.
Cobleskill Regional Hospital	Cobleskill, N.Y.
Floyd Valley Healthcare	Le Mars, Iowa
Hampshire Memorial Hospital	Romney, W.Va.
Jamestown Regional Medical Center	Jamestown, N.D.
Mayo Clinic Health System - Red Cedar in Menomonie	Menomonie, Wis.
Mercy Hospital Paris	Paris, Ark.
Myrtue Medical Center	Harlan, Iowa

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital
Rice County District Hospital
Star Valley Health
War Memorial Hospital
Washington County Hospital

Seneca, Kan.
Lyons, Kan.
Afton, Wyo.
Berkeley Springs, W.Va.
Washington, Iowa

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Beaver County Memorial Hospital
Coteau des Prairies Health Care System Hospital
Cox Barton County Hospital
Grundy County Memorial Hospital
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
Molokai General Hospital
Moore County Hospital District
North Big Horn Hospital
Ochsner Stennis Hospital
Pembina County Memorial Hospital
Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital
Tioga Medical Center
Towner County Medical Center
Wabash General Hospital

Beaver, Okla.
Sisseton, S.D.
Lamar, Mo.
Grundy Center, Iowa
Hopedale, Ill.
Waurika, Okla.
Cut Off, La.
Kingfisher, Okla.
Guthrie, Okla.
Tishomingo, Okla.
Waldron, Ark.
Kaunakakai, Hawaii
Dumas, Texas
Lovell, Wyo.
DeKalb, Miss.
Cavalier, N.D.
Kapaa, Hawaii
Tioga, N.D.
Cando, N.D.
Mount Carmel, Ill.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION

Antelope Memorial Hospital
Bigfork Valley Hospital
Bowdle Hospital - Critical Access Hospital
Callaway District Hospital
CHI Oakes Hospital
Coleman County Medical Center
Community Memorial Hospital
Edgerton Hospital and Health Services
Electra Memorial Hospital
Franklin General Hospital
Garfield Memorial Hospital
Henderson Health Care
Hodgeman County Health Center
Madison County Memorial Hospital
Manning Regional Healthcare Center
Martin County Hospital
Memorial Hospital of Lafayette County
North Shore Health
Syracuse Area Health
Union General Hospital

Neligh, Neb.
Bigfork, Minn.
Bowdle, S.D.
Callaway, Neb.
Oakes, N.D.
Coleman, Texas
Burke, S.D.
Edgerton, Wis.
Electra, Texas
Hampton, Iowa
Panguitch, Utah
Henderson, Neb.
Jetmore, Kan.
Winterset, Iowa
Manning, Iowa
Stanton, Texas
Darlington, Wis.
Grand Marais, Minn.
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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