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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 were based on the results of the Hospital Strength Index and its eight indices of performance: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, cost, charge, and financial stability. This elite group of hospitals was selected from The Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2019 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 Index results: 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 membership services senior vice president. "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 Langlade Hospital	Antigo, Wis.
Avera Gregory Hospital	Gregory, S.D.
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare	Dillon, Mont.
Central Montana Medical Center	Lewistown, Mont.
CHI Health Missouri Valley	Missouri Valley, Iowa
CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington	Carrington, N.D.
Community Hospital of Anaconda	Anaconda, Mont.
Community Medical Center	Falls City, Neb.
Fairview Hospital	Great Barrington, Mass.
Graham County Hospital	Hill City, Kan.
Greater Regional Medical Center	Creston, Iowa
Linton Hospital	Linton, N.D.
Livingston HealthCare	Livingston, Mont.
Margaret Mary Health	Batesville, Ind.
New Ulm Medical Center	New Ulm, Minn.
River Falls Area Hospital	River Falls, Wis.
Towner County Medical Center	Cando, N.D.
Transylvania Regional Hospital	Brevard, N.C.
Westfields Hospital and Clinic	New Richmond, Wis.
Wishek Community Hospital	Wishek, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Baptist Medical Center Attala	Kosciusko, Miss.
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann	Callicoon, N.Y.
CHI Health Plainview	Plainview, Neb.
Community Medical Center	Falls City, Neb.
Fillmore County Hospital	Geneva, Neb.
Howard County Medical Center	Saint Paul, Neb.
Lafayette Regional Health Center	Lexington, Mo.
Loring Hospital	Sac City, Iowa
Lucas County Health Center	Chariton, Iowa
Mayo Clinic Health System in St. James	St. James, Minn.
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher	Kingfisher, Okla.
Mercy Hospital Logan County	Guthrie, Okla.
Mercy Hospital Tishomingo	Tishomingo, Okla.
Merrick Medical Center	Central City, Neb.
Pembina County Memorial Hospital	Cavalier, N.D.
Polk Medical Center	Cedartown, Ga.
Riverview Regional Medical Center	Carthage, Tenn.
Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital	Kapaa, Hawaii
Sanford Westbrook Medical Center	Westbrook, Minn.
TriStar Ashland City Medical Center	Ashland City, Tenn.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION

Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital	Kaplan, La.
Bigfork Valley Hospital	Bigfork, Minn.
Callaway District Hospital	Callaway, Neb.
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann	Callicoon, N.Y.
Electra Memorial Hospital	Electra, Texas
First Care Health Center	Park River, N.D.
Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmond	Belmond, Iowa
Jackson County Hospital District	Edna, Texas
Kirby Medical Center	Monticello, Ill.
Kittson Memorial Hospital	Hallock, Minn.
Minneola District Hospital	Minneola, Kan.
Mitchell County Regional Health Center	Osage, Iowa
Munising Memorial Hospital	Munising, Mich.
Pawnee County Memorial Hospital	Pawnee City, Neb.
Platte Health Center Avera	Platte, S.D.
San Juan Health	Monticello, Utah
Sanford Webster Medical Center	Webster, S.D.
Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital	Solvang, Calif.
Trousdale Medical Center	Hartsville, Tenn.
W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital	Lockney, Texas

About NRHA
The National Rural Health Association is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 20,000 members. The association's mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues. NRHA membership consists of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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