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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 perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency. This elite group of hospitals was selected from the Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2021 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 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

Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital	Miller, S.D.
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare	Dillon, Mont.
Beaver Valley Hospital	Beaver, Utah
Cass County Health System	Atlantic, Iowa
CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington	Carrington, N.D.
Clay County Medical Center	Clay Center, Kan.
Community Medical Center	Falls City, Neb.
Community Memorial Healthcare	Marysville, Kan.
Graham County Hospital	Hill City, Kan.
Howard County Medical Center	Saint Paul, Neb.
Jamestown Regional Medical Center	Jamestown, N.D.

Kingman Healthcare Center
Kossuth Regional Health Center
Milbank Area Hospital Avera
Osborne County Memorial Hospital
Pella Regional Health Center
River Hospital
Towner County Medical Center
Wallowa Memorial Hospital
Westfields Hospital and Clinic

Kingman, Kan.
Algona, Iowa
Milbank, S.D.
Osborne, Kan.
Pella, Iowa
Alexandria Bay, N.Y.
Cando, N.D.
Enterprise, Ore.
New Richmond, Wis.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Allendale County Hospital
Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Health Center
CHI Health Plainview
Comanche County Hospital
Edgefield County Healthcare
Gove County Medical Center
Harper County Community Hospital
Kiowa District Healthcare
Linton Hospital
Loring Hospital
Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital
Mitchell County Hospital District
Osborne County Memorial Hospital
Pembina County Memorial Hospital
St. Andrew's Health Center
St. Luke's Medical Center
Stafford County Hospital
Swift County – Benson Health Services
Towner County Medical Center
Trousdale Medical Center

Fairfax, S.C.
Osceola, Neb.
Plainview, Neb.
Coldwater, Kan.
Edgefield, S.C.
Quinter, Kan.
Buffalo, Okla.
Kiowa, Kan.
Linton, N.D.
Sac City, Iowa
Medicine Lodge, Kan.
Colorado City, Texas
Osborne, Kan.
Cavalier, N.D.
Bottineau, N.D.
Crosby, N.D.
Stafford, Kan.
Benson, Minn.
Cando, N.D.
Hartsville, Tenn.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION

Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital
Casey County Hospital
CHI Health Mercy Corning
CHI Oakes Hospital
Collingsworth General Hospital
Fillmore Community Hospital
First Care Health Center
Hancock County Hospital
Henderson Health Care Services
Jackson County Hospital District
Kiowa District Healthcare
Lady of the Sea General Hospital
Madelia Health
MercyOne Elkader Medical Center
Monroe County Hospital & Clinics

Miller, S.D.
Liberty, Ky.
Corning, Iowa
Oakes, N.D.
Wellington, Texas
Fillmore, Utah
Park River, N.D.
Sneedville, Tenn.
Henderson, Neb.
Edna, Texas
Kiowa, Kan.
Cut Off, La.
Madelia, Minn.
Elkader, Iowa
Albia, Iowa

Monument Health Custer Hospital
Richland Parish Hospital – Delhi
Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital
Union General Hospital
Vidant Bertie Hospital

Custer, S.D.
Delhi, La.
Solvang, Calif.
Farmerville, La.
Windsor, N.C.

About NRHA

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