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Top rural and community hospitals announced

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has announced the 20 highest-ranked prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals in the country based on an evaluation by the Chartis Center for Rural Health. The hospitals are identified using the Hospital Strength Index, the most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural PPS hospital performance. These hospitals will be recognized May 6 during [NRHA's virtual Rural Hospital Innovation Summit](#).

The determining factors for the top 20 rural and community hospitals are based on eight indices: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency.

“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 and community hospitals.”

The top 20 rural and community hospitals are:

Brookings Health System	Brookings, S.D.
Cedar City Hospital	Cedar City, Utah
Columbus Community Hospital	Columbus, Neb.
Columbus Community Hospital	Columbus, Texas
Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers	Bryan, Ohio
Garrett Regional Medical Center	Oakland, Md.
Guadalupe County Hospital	Santa Rosa, N.M.
Hill Country Memorial Hospital	Fredericksburg, Texas
Lakes Regional Healthcare	Spirit Lake, Iowa
Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center	Jasper, Ind.
Monroe Clinic	Monroe, Wis.
Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital	Cadillac, Mich.
Pratt Regional Medical Center	Pratt, Kan.
Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital	Onancock, Va.
Schneck Medical Center	Seymour, Ind.
Sevier Valley Hospital	Richfield, Utah
SSM Health St. Clare Hospital – Baraboo	Baraboo, Wis.
St. John’s Health	Jackson, Wyo.

UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center
Vail Health

Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Vail, Colo.

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 more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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