National Rural Health Association
Top 20 Rural Community Hospitals 2018

The National Rural Health Association names the Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals based on an evaluation conducted by The Chartis Center for Rural Health using iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX. The INDEX is the first nationwide hospital rating system to evaluate U.S. rural PPS hospitals based upon market, value-based and financial measures.

NRHA's Top 20 Rural Community Hospitals Winners are the highest ranked
of the aggregate scores across eight pillars of excellence.
This selection is a subset of the Top 100 RCHs, named by The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

The Hospital Strength INDEX® utilizes publicly available data sets to quantify overall hospital performance in eight pillars: 1 - Inpatient Market Share, 2 - Outpatient Market Share, 3 – Quality, 4 — Outcomes, 5 – Patient Perspective, 6 - Cost, 7 - Charge, and 8 - Financial Stability.

About NRHA

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) 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.

About The Chartis Group

The Chartis Group® (Chartis) provides comprehensive advisory services and analytics to the healthcare industry. With an unparalleled depth of expertise in strategic planning, performance excellence, informatics and technology, and health analytics, Chartis helps leading academic medical centers, integrated delivery networks, children's hospitals and healthcare service organizations achieve transformative results. The Chartis Center for Rural Health (CCRH) was formed in 2016 to offer tailored services, performance management solutions, research and education to rural hospitals and facilities. Learn more at Chartisrural.com.

About iVantage Health Analytics

iVantage Health Analytics (iVantage) is a leading provider of healthcare analytics and performance management analytic tools. Health system and hospital leadership teams across the country rely on the company's software and services to deliver customized insights on clinical and financial performance, strategic planning, market assessment and payment optimization. iVantage's analytics are the basis of continuing thought leadership and insight in the areas of healthcare policy and research. iVantage is a subsidiary of The Chartis Group, a comprehensive advisory services firm dedicated to the healthcare industry. Learn more at iVantageHealth.com.

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About the Hospital Strength INDEX

The Hospital Strength INDEX utilizes publicly available data to provide a comprehensive comparison of all rural and Critical Access Hospitals across a continuum of Market, Value-based and Financial performance indicators. By assessing performance across more than 50 individual indicators and eight pillars of performance, INDEX brings a rural-relevant perspective to healthcare leaders making strategic and operational decisions. The INDEX is the foundation for many of rural healthcare's most prominent awards and is used by organizations such as the National Rural Health Association in support of its advocacy and legislative initiatives.

Learn more about the INDEX and The Chartis Center for Rural Health research at:
http://www.ivantageindex.com/research-education2/

Review of Data Sources

The INDEX leverages the most recent publicly available data from CMS. This release includes the most recently available data as of December 2017. All available data are included in the INDEX and statistical sampling and data projection methodologies are employed when necessary. Please refer to the full methodology www.ivantageindex.com/2018-methodology for a complete review of data sources and date ranges.