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### **Top rural community hospitals announced**

The 20 highest ranked prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals in the country, based on an evaluation conducted by The Chartis Center for Rural Health using iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX®, were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). These rural community hospitals will be recognized in an awards ceremony during NRHA's Rural Health Innovation Hospital Summit May 10 in New Orleans.

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

"NRHA is committed to ensuring our members have the best information to manage their hospitals," said Brock Slabach, NRHA membership services senior vice president. "And we're pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these rural community hospitals."

The top 20 rural community hospital winners, in alphabetical order, are:

Avera Queen of Peace Hospital	Mitchell, S.D.
Avera St. Luke's Hospital	Aberdeen, S.D.
Avera St. Mary's Hospital	Pierre, S.D.
Baxter Regional Medical Center	Mountain Home, Ark.
Bozeman Health	Bozeman, Mont.
Castleview Hospital	Price, Utah
Cedar City Hospital	Cedar City, Utah
Central Vermont Medical Center	Berlin, Vt.
Chippewa County War Memorial Hospital	Sault Sainte Marie, Mich.
Davis Medical Center	Elkins, W. Va.
Faith Regional Health Services	Norfolk, Neb.

Ivinson Memorial Hospital	Laramie, Wyo.
Major Health Partners	Shelbyville, Ind.
Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center	Jasper, Ind.
MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena	Alpena, Mich.
Northern Maine Medical Center	Fort Kent, Maine
Olympic Medical Center	Port Angeles, Wash.
Prairie Lakes Healthcare Systems	Watertown, S.D.
Sheridan Memorial Hospital	Sheridan, Wyo.
St. Peter's Hospital	Helena, Mont.

### **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.

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