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Top rural community hospitals announced

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has named the 20 highest-ranked prospective payment system hospitals in the country based on an evaluation by The Chartis Center for Rural Health using iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index. These rural community hospitals will be recognized in an awards ceremony during NRHA's Rural Hospital Innovation Summit May 9 in Atlanta.

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," says Brock Slabach, NRHA membership services senior vice president. "We're pleased to recognize the accomplishments of these rural community hospitals."

The top 20 rural community hospital winners are:

Ascension St. Joseph Hospital	Tawas City, Mich.
Ascension St. Michael's Hospital	Stevens Point, Wis.
Avera St. Mary's Hospital	Pierre, S.D.
Bozeman Health Deaconess Hospital	Bozeman, Mont.
Brookings Health System	Brookings, S.D.
Cedar City Hospital	Cedar City, Utah
Faith Regional Health Services	Norfolk, Neb.
Guadalupe County Hospital	Santa Rosa, N.M.
Ivinson Memorial Hospital	Laramie, Wyo.
Logansport Memorial Hospital	Logansport, Ind.
Major Health Partners	Shelbyville, Ind.

Marion General Hospital	Marion, Ind.
Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center	Jasper, Ind.
Northern Maine Medical Center	Fort Kent, Maine
Prairie Lakes Healthcare Systems	Watertown, S.D.
Schneck Medical Center	Seymour, Ind.
St. Peter's Health	Helena, Mont.
Stillwater Medical Center	Stillwater, Okla.
UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center	Steamboat Springs, Colo.
University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center	Ashland, Ohio

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.

About The Chartis Group

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