

## **National Rural Health Association Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals 2020**

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 prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals based upon market, value-based, and financial measures.

**NRHA's Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals winners are the highest -anked  
of the aggregate scores across eight pillars of excellence.**

**This selection is a subset of the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals, 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: inpatient market share; outpatient market share; quality; outcomes; patient perspective; cost; charge; and financial efficiency.

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### **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**

The Chartis Group provides comprehensive advisory services and analytics to the health care 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. Chartis has offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, New York, Minneapolis, and San Francisco. For more information, visit [chartis.com](http://chartis.com).

### **About iVantage Health Analytics**

iVantage Health Analytics, through proprietary analytics and modeling, helps health care organizations evaluate performance, identify opportunities for improvement, and manage success. iVantage's solutions are designed to be foundational utilities for health systems, community hospitals, rural providers, and independent medical groups to manage their strategic, financial, operational, and clinical performance. In 2015, iVantage was acquired by the Chartis Group, a comprehensive advisory and analytics consulting firm dedicated 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 health care service organizations achieve transformative results. To learn more, please visit [ivantagehealth.com](http://ivantagehealth.com).

### **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 50 individual indicators and eight pillars of performance, the Index brings a rural-relevant perspective to health care leaders making strategic and operational decisions. The Index is the foundation for many of rural health care'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 as of December 2019. All available data are included in the Index and statistical sampling and data projection methodologies are employed when necessary.