National Rural Health Association
Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals 2021

The National Rural Health Association names the Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals based on an evaluation conducted by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. The selected hospitals are identified through the Hospital Strength INDEX®, the most comprehensive and objective assessment of U.S. rural Prospective Payment System (PPS) hospital performance 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 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: 1 - Inpatient Market Share, 2 - Outpatient Market Share, 3 – Quality, 4 — Outcomes, 5 – Patient Perspective, 6 - Cost, 7 - Charge, and 8 - Financial Efficiency.

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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
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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 50 individual indicators and eight pillars of performance, the 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 The Chartis Center for Rural Health at: https://www.chartis.com/services/ccrh

Review of Data Sources
The INDEX leverages the most recent publicly available data from CMS as of December 2020. All available data are included in the INDEX and statistical sampling and data imputation methodologies are employed when necessary.