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Top rural and community hospitals announced

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has announced the 20 highest-ranked prospective payment system (PPS) hospitals in the country based on an evaluation by the Chartis Center for Rural Health. The hospitals are identified using the Hospital Strength Index, the most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural PPS hospital performance. These hospitals will be recognized May 6 during NRHA’s virtual Rural Hospital Innovation Summit.

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

“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 and community hospitals.”

The top 20 rural and community hospitals are:

Brookings Health System    Brookings, S.D.  
Cedar City Hospital     Cedar City, Utah  
Columbus Community Hospital   Columbus, Neb.  
Columbus Community Hospital   Columbus, Texas  
Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers   Bryan, Ohio  
Garrett Regional Medical Center   Oakland, Md.  
Guadalupe County Hospital   Santa Rosa, N.M.  
Hill Country Memorial Hospital   Fredericksburg, Texas  
Lakes Regional Healthcare   Spirit Lake, Iowa  
Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center   Jasper, Ind.  
Monroe Clinic      Monroe, Wis.  
Munson Healthcare Cadillac Hospital   Cadillac, Mich.  
Pratt Regional Medical Center   Pratt, Kan.  
Riverside Shore Memorial Hospital   Onancock, Va.  
Schneck Medical Center   Seymour, Ind.  
Sevier Valley Hospital   Richfield, Utah  
SSM Health St. Clare Hospital – Baraboo   Baraboo, Wis.  
St. John’s Health    Jackson, Wyo.
UCHealth Yampa Valley Medical Center       Steamboat Springs, Colo.
Vail Health                             Vail, Colo.

About NRHA
NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and provide leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education, and research. NRHA’s membership is made up of more than 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.

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