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Top critical access hospitals announced

The 20 highest ranked critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country, as determined by iVantage Health Analytics, were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA’s Critical Access Hospital Conference in September in Kansas City, Mo.

The determining factors for the Top 20 CAHs were based on eight indices of strength including inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, costs, charges and financial stability. This elite group was selected from iVantage’s Top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

Forty “best practice” designations were also given to facilities that have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance, based on iVantage’s tabulation: 1) Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across the five categories of the company’s hospital compare process of care measures and 2) patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank on two HCAHPS measures (“overall rating” and “highly recommend”).

“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 hospitals.”

The list of Top 20 winners and best practice recipients, in alphabetical order and by category, is included below.

TOP 20 CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS:

Aspirus Ironwood Hospital & Clinics, Inc. Ironwood, Mich.
Audubon County Memorial Hospital Audubon, Iowa
Avera Holy Family Hospital Estherville, Iowa
Carrington Health Center Carrington, N.D.
Central Montana Medical Center Lewistown, Mont.
Cherokee Regional Medical Center Cherokee, Iowa
Door County Medical Center Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
Floyd Valley Healthcare Le Mars, Iowa
Grande Ronde Hospital La Grande, Ore.
Kimble Hospital                      Junction, Texas
Livingston Healthcare               Livingston, Mont.
New Ulm Medical Center              New Ulm, Minn.
Phillips County Health Systems      Phillipsburg, Kan.
Riverwood Healthcare Center         Aitkin, Minn.
Smith County Memorial Hospital      Smith Center, Kan.
St. Luke’s Medical Center           Crosby, N.D.
Steele Memorial Medical Center      Salmon, Idaho
Wallowa Memorial Hospital           Enterprise, Ore.
West River Regional Medical Center  Hettinger, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY:

Aultman Orrville Hospital           Orrville, Ohio
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann   Callicoon, N.Y.
Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital    Greenville, Maine
CHI Health Mercy Corning             Corning, Iowa
CHI Health Plainview                 Plainview, Neb.
Community Healthcare System, Onaga & St. Mary’s Onaga, Kan.
Dickenson Community Hospital         Clintwood, Va.
Genesis Medical Center - Dewitt      Dewitt, Iowa
Holdenville General Hospital         Holdenville, Okla.
Lafayette Regional Health Center    Lexington, Mo.
Mayo Clinic Health System - Saint James  St. James, Minn.
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher           Kingfisher, Okla.
Mercy Hospital Logan County         Guthrie, Okla.
Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital       Tomahawk, Wis.
Mitchell County Hospital District   Colorado City, Texas
River Falls Area Hospital           River Falls, Wis.
Riverview Regional Medical Center   Carthage, Tenn.
Sanford Luverne Medical Center      Luverne, Minn.
St. Elizabeth Grant                  Williamstown, Ky.
TriStar Ashland City Medical Center Ashland City, Tenn.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION:

Bigfork Valley Hospital            Bigfork, Minn.
Bluffton Hospital                  Bluffton, Ohio
Callaway District Hospital         Callaway, Neb.
CHI Health Schuyler                Schuyler, Neb.
Collingsworth General Hospital     Wellington, Texas
Comanche County Hospital           Coldwater, Kan.
Eureka Community Health Services - Avera Eureka, S.D.
Fairview Regional Medical Center   Fairview, Okla.
Franklin County Memorial Hospital  Meadville, Miss.
Grace Cottage Hospital             Townsend, Vt.
Henderson Health Care              Henderson, Neb.
Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmond   Belmond, Iowa
Kahuku Medical Center              Kahuku, Hawaii
Kirby Medical Center  Monticello, Ill.
Milford Valley Memorial Hospital  Milford, Utah
Power County Hospital District  American Falls, Idaho
Sanford Wheaton Medical Center  Wheaton, Minn.
St. Luke’s Hospital  Crosby, N.D.
Steele Memorial Medical Center  Salmon, Idaho
Union General Hospital  Farmerville, La.

About the National Rural Health Association
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