Top critical access hospitals announced

The 20 highest-ranked critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country, as determined by The Chartis Center for Rural Health, 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 the results of the Hospital Strength Index and its eight indices of performance: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, cost, charge, and financial stability. This elite group of hospitals was selected from The Chartis Center for Rural Health’s 2019 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 Index results: 1) quality: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures, and 2) patient perspective: a rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

“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 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 Langlade Hospital
Avera Gregory Hospital
Barrett Hospital & HealthCare
Central Montana Medical Center
CHI Health Missouri Valley
CHI St. Alexius Health Carrington
Community Hospital of Anaconda
Community Medical Center
Fairview Hospital
Graham County Hospital
Greater Regional Medical Center
Linton Hospital
Livingston HealthCare
Margaret Mary Health
New Ulm Medical Center
River Falls Area Hospital
Towner County Medical Center
Transylvania Regional Hospital
Westfields Hospital and Clinic
Wishek Community Hospital

Antigo, Wis.
Gregory, S.D.
Dillon, Mont.
Lewistown, Mont.
Missouri Valley, Iowa
Carrington, N.D.
Anaconda, Mont.
Falls City, Neb.
Great Barrington, Mass.
Hill City, Kan.
Creston, Iowa
Linton, N.D.
Livingston, Mont.
Batesville, Ind.
New Ulm, Minn.
River Falls, Wis.
Cando, N.D.
Brevard, N.C.
New Richmond, Wis.
Wishek, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Baptist Medical Center Attala
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann
CHI Health Plainview
Community Medical Center
Fillmore County Hospital
Howard County Medical Center
Lafayette Regional Health Center
Loring Hospital
Lucas County Health Center
Mayo Clinic Health System in St. James
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher
Mercy Hospital Logan County
Mercy Hospital Tishomingo
Merrick Medical Center
Pembina County Memorial Hospital
Polk Medical Center
Riverview Regional Medical Center
Samuel Mahelona Memorial Hospital
Sanford Westbrook Medical Center
TriStar Ashland City Medical Center

Kosciusko, Miss.
Callicoon, N.Y.
Plainview, Neb.
Falls City, Neb.
Geneva, Neb.
Saint Paul, Neb.
Lexington, Mo.
Sac City, Iowa
Chariton, Iowa
St. James, Minn.
Kingfisher, Okla.
Guthrie, Okla.
Tishomingo, Okla.
Central City, Neb.
Cavalier, N.D.
Cedartown, Ga.
Carthage, Tenn.
Kapaa, Hawaii
Westbrook, Minn.
Ashland City, Tenn.

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BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION

Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital
Kaplan, La.

Bigfork Valley Hospital
Bigfork, Minn.

Callaway District Hospital
Callaway, Neb.

Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann
Callicoon, N.Y.

Electra Memorial Hospital
Electra, Texas

First Care Health Center
Park River, N.D.

Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmond
Belmond, Iowa

Jackson County Hospital District
Edna, Texas

Kirby Medical Center
Monticello, Ill.

Kittson Memorial Hospital
Hallock, Minn.

Minneola District Hospital
Minneola, Kan.

Mitchell County Regional Health Center
Osage, Iowa

Munising Memorial Hospital
Munising, Mich.

Pawnee County Memorial Hospital
Pawnee City, Neb.

Platte Health Center Avera
Platte, S.D.

San Juan Health
Monticello, Utah

Sanford Webster Medical Center
Webster, S.D.

Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital
Solvang, Calif.

Trousdale Medical Center
Hartville, Tenn.

W. J. Mangold Memorial Hospital
Lockney, Texas

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.

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