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### **Top rural and community hospitals announced**

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA) has named the 20 highest-ranked prospective payment system hospitals in the country based on an evaluation by the Chartis Center for Rural Health using iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index. These rural and community hospitals will be recognized in an awards ceremony during NRHA's Rural Hospital Innovation Summit May 21 in San Diego.

The determining factors for the top 20 rural and community hospitals were 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 hospital winners are:

AdventHealth Ottawa	Ottawa, Kan.
Ascension St. John Jane Phillips	Bartlesville, Okla.
Aurora Medical Center Manitowoc County	Two Rivers, Wis.
Avera Sacred Heart Hospital	Yankton, S.D.
Avera St. Luke's Hospital	Aberdeen, S.D.
Avera St. Mary's Hospital	Pierre, S.D.
Brookings Health System	Brookings, S.D.
Castleview Hospital	Price, Utah
Cedar City Hospital	Cedar City, Utah
Columbus Community Hospital	Columbus, Neb.
Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers	Bryan, Ohio

Guadalupe County Hospital	Santa Rosa, N.M.
Major Health Partners	Shelbyville, Ind.
Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center	Jasper, Ind.
Prairie Lakes Healthcare System	Watertown, S.D.
Pratt Regional Medical Center	Pratt, Kan.
Sevier Valley Hospital	Richfield, Utah
Stillwater Medical Center	Stillwater, Okla.
University of Maryland Shore Medical Center at Easton	Easton, Md.
Willamette Valley Medical Center	McMinnville, Ore.

### **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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