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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 perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency. This elite group of hospitals was selected from the Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2020 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

Avera Hand County Memorial Hospital
Brodstone Memorial Hospital
CHI St. Alexis Health Carrington
Clay County Medical Center
Gove County Medical Center
Howard County Medical Center
Jamestown Regional Medical Center

Miller, S.D.
Superior, Neb.
Carrington, N.D.
Clay Center, Kan.
Quinter, Kan.
Saint Paul, Neb.
Jamestown, N.D.

Kingman Community Hospital
Mayo Clinic Health System – Red Cedar
Mayo Clinic Health System in Saint James
Miners' Colfax Medical Center
Osborne County Memorial Hospital
Rio Grande Hospital
Sabetha Community Hospital
Sanford Mayville Medical Center
ThedaCare Medical Center – Waupaca
Transylvania Regional Hospital
Upland Hills Health
Wallowa Memorial Hospital
Westfields Hospital and Clinic

Kingman, Kan.
Menomonie, Wis.
Saint James, Minn.
Raton, N.M.
Osborne, Kan.
Del Norte, Colo.
Sabetha, Kan.
Mayville, N.D.
Waupaca, Wis.
Brevard, N.C.
Dodgeville, Wis.
Enterprise, Ore.
New Richmond, Wis.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY

Avera St. Benedict Health Center
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital
Cavalier County Memorial Hospital & Clinics
Comanche County Hospital
Gove County Medical Center
Indianhead Medical Center
Jefferson Community Health & Life
Medicine Lodge Memorial Hospital
Northwood Deaconess Health Center
Osborne County Memorial Hospital
Pembina County Memorial Hospital
Phillips County Hospital
Ruby Valley Medical Center
Sabetha Community Hospital
Sheridan County Health Complex
South Central Health
St. Andrew's Health Center
Sumner County Hospital District No 1
Towner County Medical Center
West River Regional Medical Center

Parkston, S.D.
Montpelier, Idaho
Langdon, N.D.
Coldwater, Kan.
Quinter, Kan.
Shell Lake, Wis.
Fairbury, Neb.
Medicine Lodge, Kan.
Northwood, N.D.
Osborne, Kan.
Cavalier, N.D.
Malta, Mont.
Sheridan, Mont.
Sabetha, Kan.
Hoxie, Kan.
Wishek, N.D.
Bottineau, N.D.
Caldwell, Kan.
Cando, N.D.
Hettinger, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION

Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital
Bigfork Valley Hospital
Casey County Hospital
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann
Community Memorial Hospital
Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmond
Jackson County Hospital District

Kaplan, La.
Bigfork, Minn.
Liberty, Ky.
Callicoon, N.Y.
Sumner, Iowa
Belmond, Iowa
Edna, Texas

Kirby Medical Center
Kittson Healthcare
Lady of the Sea General Hospital
Madelia Community Hospital & Clinic
Mariners Hospital
Mayo Clinic Health System in Springfield
Monroe County Hospital & Clinics
Pawnee County Memorial Hospital
Prairie Ridge Hospital & Health Services
St. Elizabeth Healthcare - Grant
St. Martin Hospital
Union General Hospital
West Holt Medical Services

Monticello, Ill.
Hallock, Minn.
Cut Off, La.
Madelia, Minn.
Tavernier, Fla.
Springfield, Minn.
Albia, Iowa
Pawnee City, Neb.
Elbow Lake, Minn.
Williamstown, Ky.
Breau Bridge, La.
Farmerville, La.
Atkinson, Neb.

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