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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 October in Kansas City, Mo.

The determining factors for the Top 20 CAHs were based on 10 indices of strength including competitive strength, competitive intensity, market size and growth, population risk, cost, charge, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, and financial stability. This elite group was selected from iVantage's Top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this month.

Sixty "best practice" designations were also given to facilities that have achieved success in one of three key areas of performance, based on iVantage's tabulation:

- **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.
- **Patient perspective index:** A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank on two Hospital Compare HCAHPS measures ("overall rating" and "highly recommend").
- **Financial stability index:** A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank on a set of balance sheet and income statement financial ratios.

"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 Grand View Hospital
Avera Holy Family Hospital
Barrett Memorial Hospital
Cherry County Hospital

Ironwood, Mich.
Estherville, Iowa
Dillon, Mont.
Valentine, Neb.

Madison Community Hospital
Martha's Vineyard Hospital
Memorial Health Care Systems
Memorial Health Center
Myrtue Medical Center
New Ulm Medical Center
Orange City Area Health System
Perry County Memorial Hospital
Phillips County Medical Center
Pike County Memorial Hospital
Redington Fairview General Hospital
Speare Memorial Hospital
Steele Memorial Medical Center
Transylvania Regional Hospital
Waldo County General Hospital
West River Regional Medical Center

Madison, S.D.
Oak Bluffs, Mass.
Seward, Neb.
Medford, Wis.
Harlan, Iowa
New Ulm, Minn.
Orange City, Iowa
Perryville, Mo.
Malta, Mont.
Louisiana, Mo.
Skowhegan, Maine
Plymouth, N.H.
Salmon, Idaho
Brevard, N.C.
Belfast, Maine
Hettinger, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY:

Calumet Medical Center
Community Hospital of Anaconda
Genesis Medical Center - Dewitt
Hawarden Community Hospital
Iowa Specialty Hospital - Belmond
Jackson County Regional Health Center
Kauai Veterans Memorial Hospital
Lawrence Memorial Hospital
Medina Regional Hospital
Memorial Health Care Systems
Pike County Memorial Hospital
Prairie Ridge Hospital and Health Services
Sanford Canton-Inwood Medical Center
Sanford Mayville Medical Center
St Joseph Memorial Hospital
St Luke's McCall Medical Center
St Luke's Wood River Medical Center
Towner County Medical Center
Trinity Hospital Twin City
Wayne County Hospital

Chilton, Wis.
Anaconda, Mont.
Dewitt, Iowa
Hawarden, Iowa
Belmond, Iowa
Maquoketa, Iowa
Waimea, Hawaii
Walnut Ridge, Ark.
Hondo, Texas
Seward, Neb.
Louisiana, Mo.
Elbow Lake, Minn.
Canton, S.D.
Mayville, N.D.
Murphysboro, Ill.
McCall, Idaho
Ketchum, Idaho
Cando, N.D.
Dennison, Ohio
Monticello, Ky.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION:

Ashley Medical Center
Assumption Community Hospital
Audubon County Memorial Hospital
Battle Mountain General Hospital
Cimarron Memorial Hospital
Fairview Hospital
First Care Health Center

Ashley, N.D.
Napoleonville, La.
Audubon, Iowa
Battle Mountain, Nev.
Boise City, Okla.
Great Barrington, Mass.
Park River, N.D.

Garden County Health Services
Hancock County Hospital
Hansford County Hospital
Madison County Memorial Hospital
Marengo Memorial Hospital
Meade District Hospital
Okeene Municipal Hospital
Orange City Area Health System
Pender Community Hospital
Reeves Memorial Medical Center
Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital
St. Martin Hospital
Tioga Medical Center

Oshkosh, Neb.
Sneedville, Tenn.
Spearman, Texas
Winterset, Iowa
Marengo, Iowa
Meade, Kan.
Okeene, Okla.
Orange City, Iowa
Pender, Neb.
Bernice, La.
Solvang, Calif.
Breau Bridge, La.
Tioga, N.D.

BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – FINANCIAL STABILITY:

Abrom Kaplan Memorial Hospital
Aspen Valley Hospital
Battle Mountain General Hospital
Concho County Hospital
Haskell Memorial Hospital
Higgins General Hospital
Humboldt General Hospital
Johnson County Healthcare Center
Kane County Hospital
Kiowa District Hospital
Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital
Memorial Medical Center
Milford Valley Memorial Hospital
Ochiltree General Hospital
Promedica Defiance Regional Hospital
Redwood Memorial Hospital
Sparrow Clinton Hospital
St Luke's Elmore Medical Center
St Mary's Hospital - Superior
ThedaCare Medical Center - New London

Kaplan, La.
Aspen, Colo.
Battle Mountain, Nev.
Eden, Texas
Haskell, Texas
Bremen, Ga.
Winnemucca, Nev.
Buffalo, Wyo.
Kanab, Utah
Kiowa, Kan.
Sonora, Texas
Ashland, Wis.
Milford, Utah
Perryton, Texas
Defiance, Ohio
Fortuna, Calif.
Saint Johns, Mich.
Mountain Home, Idaho
Superior, Wis.
New London, Wis.

About the National Rural Health Association

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. NRHA membership is made up of 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health. For more information, visit RuralHealthWeb.org.

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