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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.
Aspirus Iron River Hospital & Clinics, Inc.	Iron River, 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  
Livingston Healthcare  
New Ulm Medical Center  
Phillips County Health Systems  
Riverwood Healthcare Center  
Smith County Memorial Hospital  
St. Luke's Medical Center  
Steele Memorial Medical Center  
Wallowa Memorial Hospital  
West River Regional Medical Center

Junction, Texas  
Livingston, Mont.  
New Ulm, Minn.  
Phillipsburg, Kan.  
Aitkin, Minn.  
Smith Center, Kan.  
Crosby, N.D.  
Salmon, Idaho  
Enterprise, Ore.  
Hettinger, N.D.

**BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – QUALITY:**

Aultman Orrville Hospital  
Catskill Regional Medical Center – Grover Hermann  
Charles A. Dean Memorial Hospital  
CHI Health Mercy Corning  
CHI Health Plainview  
Community Healthcare System, Onaga & St. Mary's  
Dickenson Community Hospital  
Genesis Medical Center - Dewitt  
Holdenville General Hospital  
Lafayette Regional Health Center  
Mayo Clinic Health System - Saint James  
Mercy Hospital Kingfisher  
Mercy Hospital Logan County  
Ministry Sacred Heart Hospital  
Mitchell County Hospital District  
River Falls Area Hospital  
Riverview Regional Medical Center  
Sanford Luverne Medical Center  
St. Elizabeth Grant  
TriStar Ashland City Medical Center

Orrville, Ohio  
Callicoon, N.Y.  
Greenville, Maine  
Corning, Iowa  
Plainview, Neb.  
Onaga, Kan.  
Clintwood, Va.  
Dewitt, Iowa  
Holdenville, Okla.  
Lexington, Mo.  
St. James, Minn.  
Kingfisher, Okla.  
Guthrie, Okla.  
Tomahawk, Wis.  
Colorado City, Texas  
River Falls, Wis.  
Carthage, Tenn.  
Luverne, Minn.  
Williamstown, Ky.  
Ashland City, Tenn.

**BEST PRACTICE RECIPIENTS – PATIENT SATISFACTION:**

Bigfork Valley Hospital  
Bluffton Hospital  
Callaway District Hospital  
CHI Health Schuyler  
Collingsworth General Hospital  
Comanche County Hospital  
Eureka Community Health Services - Avera  
Fairview Regional Medical Center  
Franklin County Memorial Hospital  
Grace Cottage Hospital  
Henderson Health Care  
Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmont  
Kahuku Medical Center

Bigfork, Minn.  
Bluffton, Ohio  
Callaway, Neb.  
Schuyler, Neb.  
Wellington, Texas  
Coldwater, Kan.  
Eureka, S.D.  
Fairview, Okla.  
Meadville, Miss.  
Townshend, Vt. ✎  
Henderson, Neb.  
Belmond, Iowa  
Kahuku, Hawaii

Kirby Medical Center  
Milford Valley Memorial Hospital  
Power County Hospital District  
Sanford Wheaton Medical Center  
St. Luke's Hospital  
Steele Memorial Medical Center  
Union General Hospital

Monticello, Ill.  
Milford, Utah  
American Falls, Idaho  
Wheaton, Minn.  
Crosby, N.D.  
Salmon, Idaho  
Farmerville, La.

**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](http://RuralHealthWeb.org).

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