

# WEST RIVER HEALTH SERVICES

## News Release

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#### ***Critical Access TOP Hospital – Five-Time Recipient***

**West River Health Services** in **Hettinger** was recently named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health for 2018.

"This achievement is very gratifying and validates our daily commitment to providing the best healthcare possible to our community, while maintaining an efficient and effective facility," said **Matt Shahan, CEO**.

**West River Health Services** scored in the top 100 of Critical Access Hospitals on iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX®. The INDEX is the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural provider performance and its results are the basis for many of rural healthcare's most prominent awards, advocacy efforts and legislative initiatives. The list of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals can be found at [www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals](http://www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals).

The Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals play a key role in providing a safety net to communities across America – and the INDEX measures these facilities across eight pillars of hospital strength: Inpatient Share Ranking, Outpatient Share Ranking, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspective, and Financial Stability.

"The Hospital Strength INDEX provides a true benchmark for helping rural providers to better understand performance levels and identify areas of improvement. When we look across the spectrum of rural-relevant INDEX indicators, the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals are establishing a new standard for how to deliver higher quality care to their communities despite an unpredictable healthcare environment."

**West River Health Services is a nationally recognized rural health care organization. It is comprised of 27 medical professionals, 8 visiting specialists and 223 employees providing professional services in a modern rural health care system.**

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