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Top critical access hospitals announced

The National Rural Health Association (NRHA), recently announced the 20 highest ranked critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country, as determined by iVantage Health Analytics. 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 IN THE NATION:

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.