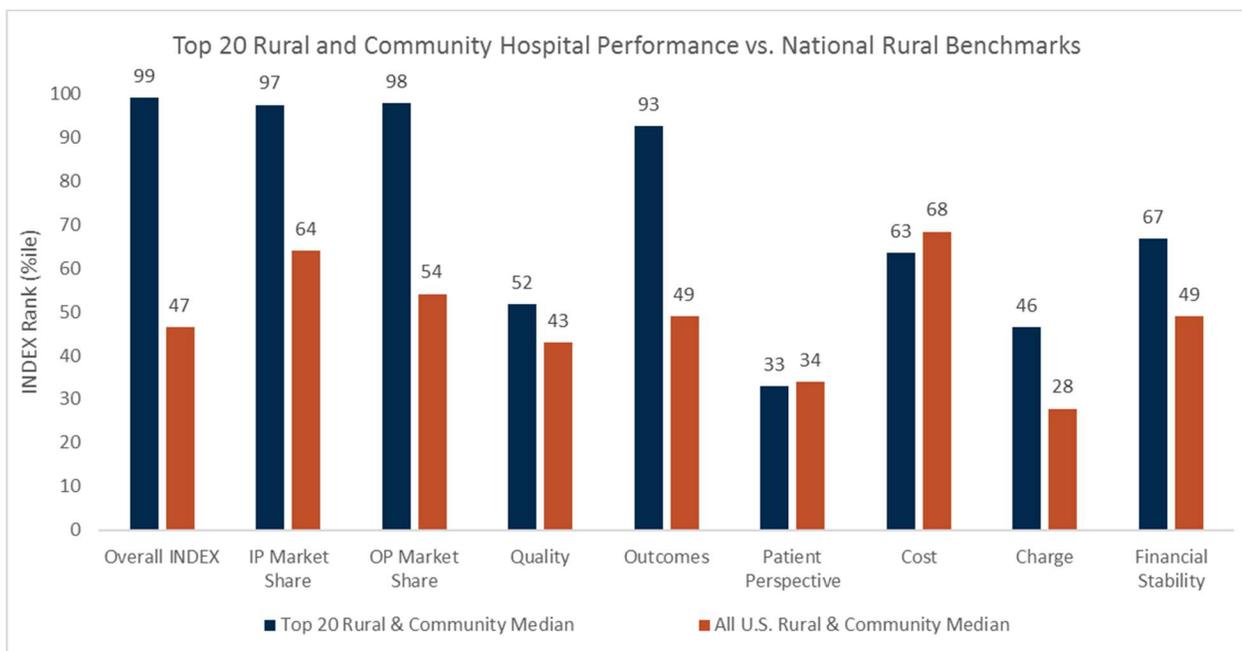


**Research Shows Top Rural & Community Hospitals Demonstrate Strong Market Share, Patient Outcomes and Financial Stability**

***iVantage Announces Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals for 2017***

Portland ME– May 2, 2017 –[iVantage Health Analytics](#) and [The Chartis Center for Rural Health](#) will recognize [the Top 20 Rural & Community Hospitals](#) in the U.S at the 40<sup>th</sup> annual National Rural Health Association (NRHA) Conference. The release of this year’s top rural healthcare performers expands upon research presented in February as part of the [2017 Rural Relevance Study: Assessing the State of Rural Healthcare in America](#). iVantage and NRHA will welcome the Top 20 Rural & Community Hospital leaders to the conference stage in San Diego on May 11 to receive special recognition; the Top 20 CAHs will be recognized at the Critical Access Hospital Conference, September 27-29 in Kansas City.

iVantage’s research reveals that these top performing hospitals outperform peer facilities across many critical pillars of the Hospital Strength INDEX®. Areas in which these hospitals particularly distinguish themselves, compared to their rural peers, include Market Share, Patient Outcomes and Financial Stability.



“Across the nation, there is a wide range of performance among rural providers,” said Michael Topchik, national leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health. “Top performing rural and community hospitals

see a very high percentage of the ambulatory care patients in their service area and their patients have great outcomes compared to other rural hospitals. It is no surprise, then, that they also see stronger financial performance. The INDEX helps celebrate these top performers, but it also provides an analysis of the value of the safety net nationally and cascades this analysis to regions, states and individual hospitals. We enjoy helping numerous states, health systems, and hospitals leverage the INDEX to offer a hospital-by-hospital analysis of performance, as they seek information and prioritization of their resources for performance improvement.”

For more information about the 2017 top performers and the Rural Relevance Study, visit [ivantageINDEX.com](http://ivantageINDEX.com).

### **About The Chartis Group**

The Chartis Group (Chartis) is a national advisory services firm dedicated to the healthcare industry. Chartis provides strategic planning, value-based care, advanced performance, informatics and technology consulting services as well as leading-edge decision support tools to the country’s leading healthcare providers. The Chartis Center for Rural Health (CCRH) was formed in 2016 to offer tailored services, performance management solutions, research and education to rural hospitals and facilities. Learn more at [Chartisrural.com](http://Chartisrural.com).

### **About iVantage Health Analytics, a subsidiary of The Chartis Group**

iVantage Health Analytics (iVantage) is a leading provider of healthcare analytic and performance management analytic tools. Health system and hospital leadership teams across the country rely on the company’s software and services to deliver customized insights on clinical and financial performance, strategic planning, market assessment and payment optimization. iVantage’s analytics are the basis of continuing thought leadership and insight in the areas of healthcare policy and research. In 2015, iVantage was acquired by The Chartis Group. Learn more at [iVantageHealth.com](http://iVantageHealth.com).

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