

The Chartis Center for Rural Health Celebrates National Rural Health Day with 2017 Performance Leadership Awards

Portland ME, November 16, 2017 – In celebration of National Rural Health Day, [The Chartis Center for Rural Health](#) and [iVantage Health Analytics](#) today announced the recipients of the 2017 National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) Performance Leadership Awards.

The Performance Leadership Awards program identifies top quartile performance by rural providers in the categories of Quality, Outcomes and Patient Perspective. Top performers in each category are determined using the data analysis of iVantage’s Hospital Strength INDEX®, which is widely regarded as the most objective and comprehensive assessment of rural provider performance. A complete list of this year’s award recipients can be found at <http://www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals/>.

“Each year, National Rural Health Day provides an opportunity to have a national conversation about how to best address the challenges confronting rural providers and how they can improve performance and prepare for further changes ahead,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “This year’s Performance Leadership Award recipients are moving the needle forward on performance, and adding their name to a growing list of rural providers who are demonstrating measurable value to the rural communities they serve.”

The charts below reveal top quartile variance (percentile rank) against rural peers in select indicators within Outcomes, Quality and Patient Perspective.

Chart 1: Outcomes

30-Day All-Cause Hospital Readmission Rate

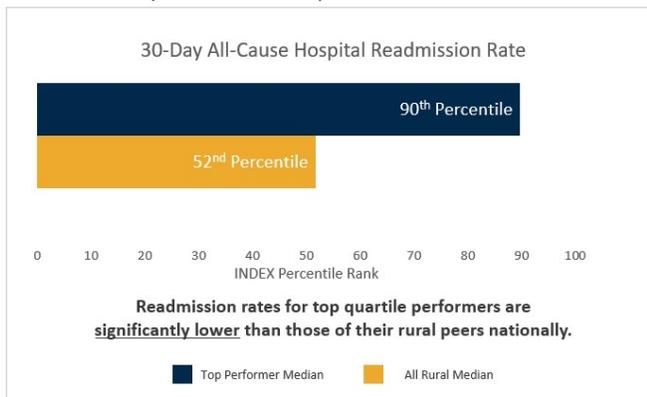
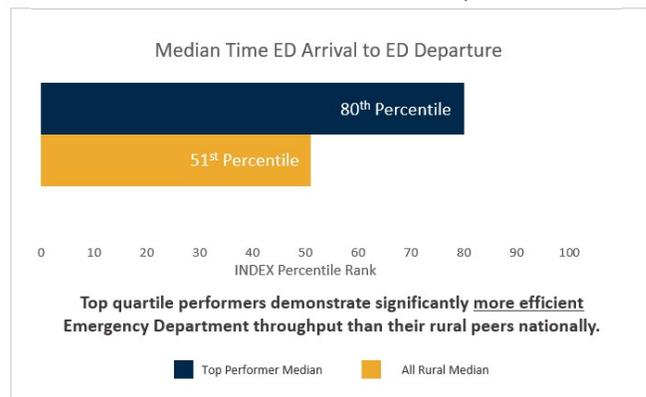


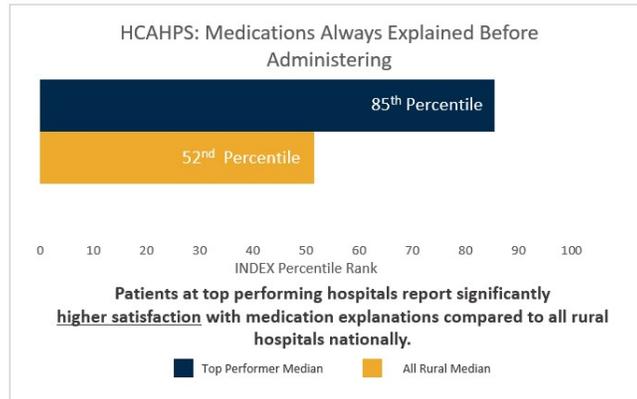
Chart 2: Quality

Median Time ED Arrival to ED Departure



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Chart 3: Patient Perspective
Medications Always Explained Before Administering



Additional Rural Resources

Research Study: The Chartis Center for Rural Health publishes the Rural Relevance Study, an annual, data-driven assessment of the state of rural healthcare in America. To download a copy of the 2017 study, visit: <http://www.ivantageindex.com/2017-rural-relevance-study>.

Rural Healthcare and Efforts to Repeal or Replace the Affordable Care Act: Passage of the AHCA, BCRA or Graham-Cassidy would have had a significant impact on the rural healthcare landscape. Learn more about what’s at stake for rural healthcare in the ongoing debate about healthcare at <http://www.ivantageindex.com/research-education2/>.

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About iVantage Health Analytics

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