



## The Chartis Center for Rural Health Announces the 2019 Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals

**Portland, ME, and Washington, D.C., February 6, 2019** – Today at the National Rural Health Association’s Rural Health Policy Institute conference, [The Chartis Center for Rural Health](#) unveiled the 2019 Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals. Regarded as one of the industry’s most significant designations of performance excellence, the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals are based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® from iVantage Health Analytics.

Leveraging 50 rural-relevant indicators across eight pillars, the INDEX provides a comprehensive and objective assessment of rural provider performance. Now in its ninth year, the INDEX framework is used nationally by state offices of rural health, health systems and rural hospitals to measure and monitor rural hospital performance, and is the foundation for several national rural recognition programs and legislative initiatives.

Among the hospitals recognized this year are 19 first-time Critical Access Hospitals and 24 first-time Rural & Community Hospitals. States with the highest number of critical access top performers are Iowa (15), Nebraska (9) and North Dakota (9), and those with the most rural & community top performers are Indiana (9), Wisconsin (8) and Minnesota (7). Additionally, Redington-Fairview General Hospital (Skowhegan, ME) is the only hospital to be recognized as a Top 100 Critical Access Hospital for all nine years.

“In an era of downward pressure on rural hospital revenues, our yearly Top 100 lists are established across the industry as a bellwether for provider performance,” said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “From one year to the next, the Top 100 lists are never static, which we see as a strong indicator of how proactive hospitals are when it comes to pushing for performance improvement in key areas such as quality, outcomes, patient safety, market share and finance. We’re delighted to recognize this year’s Top 100 rural providers and showcase their efforts to deliver quality care efficiently and cost-effectively.”

## **Resources**

**Recognized Hospitals:** A complete list of this year's Top 100 award winners can be found at <http://www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals/>.

**Hospital Strength INDEX:** To learn more about the Hospital Strength INDEX, please visit <http://www.ivantageindex.com/ccrh/>.

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