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Press Release

Steele Memorial Medical Center named to Top 20 Critical Access Hospital list

Steele Memorial Medical Center in Salmon, ID was recently named one of the Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) for **OVERALL**.

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals, including **Steele Memorial Medical Center**, scored best among critical access hospitals in iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index™ for **OVERALL**. The rankings were recently announced by the National Rural Health Association (NRHA). An awards ceremony will be held during NRHA's Critical Access Hospital Conference in October in Kansas City, Mo.

Those hospitals that have been recognized as Top 20 Critical Access Hospital "best practice recipients" have achieved success one of three key areas of performance:

Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across the five categories of Hospital Compare Process of Care measures.

Patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank on two Hospital Compare HCAHPS measures ("Overall Rating" and "Highly Recommend").

Financial stability index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank on a set of balance sheet and income statement financial ratios.

Overall: A rating based on the average rating among all pillars of strength.

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospital "winners" are those hospitals who have achieved success in the overall performance based on a composite rating of all ten of iVantage's indices of strength.

"Steele Memorial Medical Center is proud of the efforts of its physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," said **Jeff Hill, CEO**.

SMMC, a critical access hospital and rural health clinic, is nestled in the rocky mountains of Idaho and has the distinction of being one of the most remote medical centers in the lower 48 United States. To read more about us, please visit our website at www.steelemh.org.

About the National Rural Health Association

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. NRHA membership is made up of 21,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health. For more information, visit www.RuralHealthWeb.org.



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