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PRESS RELEASE

Steele Memorial Medical Center named to Top 20 Critical Access Hospital 3 Years in a Row



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

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospitals, including **Steele Memorial Medical Center**, scored best among critical access hospitals on iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index™ for **OVERALL PERFORMANCE and PATIENT PERSPECTIVE**. 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 September in Kansas City, Mo.

The Top 20 Critical Access Hospital "winners" are those hospitals who have achieved success in the overall performance based on a composite rating from eight indices of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, costs, charges and financial stability. This group was selected from iVantage's Top 100 CAH list, released earlier this year.

Those hospitals that have been recognized as Top 20 Critical Access Hospital "best practice recipients" have achieved success one of two 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").



"Steele Memorial Medical Center is proud of the efforts of its physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," said **Jeanie Gentry, CEO**. "Our results as a top **OVERALL PERFORMANCE and PATIENT PERSPECTIVE** means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."



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About the National Rural Health Association

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and wellbeing 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 RuralHealthWeb.org.

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