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The National Rural Rating System Announces a New Rating Program for Rural and Critical Access Hospitals with Awards for 4 and 5 Star Hospitals Including the National Honor Roll

The National Rural Rating System is proud to announce a new ratings program for rural and critical access hospitals, called the 5-Star National Rural Rating System. The program celebrates the extraordinary patient experiences provided by rural and critical access hospitals across the United States.

The 5-Star Rating System ranks rural and critical access hospitals – with five stars being the top ranking and one star being the lowest. The Star Ratings are similar to the CMS Stars, which allow hospitals/clinics to promote their success and are used as high-quality recognitions. Most small and rural hospitals (60%) do not qualify because of low number of qualifying inpatients for the CMS Rankings, but are held to the same high patient satisfaction criteria. This new program recognizes the hard work and dedication rural and critical access hospitals provide across the country. The rankings will include overnight hospital stays (HCAHPS) and are based on data collected by certified CMS patient satisfaction vendors.

We proudly announce and recognize our 5-Star Hospitals and 4-Star Hospitals that are part of our inaugural National Rural Honor Roll.

5 Star Hospitals – National Rural Honor Roll

Gibson Area Hospital Gibson City, IL
Hopedale Medical Center Hopedale, IL
Madison County Health Winterset, IA
Memorial Hospital Carthage, IL
Memorial Hospital Chester, IL
Ortonville Aera Health Services Ortonville, MN
Pinckneyville Community Hospital Pinckneyville, IL
Union General Hospital Farmerville, LA
Wabash General Hospital Mt Carmel, IL

4 Star Hospitals

Allen Parish Community Healthcare Kinder, LA
Cibola General Hospital Grants, NM
Franklin Hospital Hampton, IA
Illini Hospital Pittsfield, IL
Kiowa County Memorial Hospital Kiowa, KS
Kirby Medical Center Monticello, IL
Osceola Regional Health Center Sibley, IA
OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center Kewanee, IL
OSF HealthCare St. Francis Hospital & Medical Group Escanaba, MI
Providence Medical Center Wayne, NE
Rochelle Community Hospital Rochelle, IL
Sparta Hospital Sparta, IL
Taylorville Memorial Hospital Taylorville, IL

The National Rural Ratings System was created in collaboration with the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN), Survey Solutions by ICAHN, Custom Learning Systems, Wyoming Department of Health, New Mexico Department of Health, Louisiana Hospital Association and AdCo Advertising Agency. Visit fivestarratings.org for current information and awardees.

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