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Annie Jeffrey named top critical access hospital

Annie Jeffrey Memorial County Health Center in Osceola, Nebraska was recently named one of the top 20 critical access hospitals (CAHs) for quality in the country.

The top 20 CAHs, including Annie Jeffrey scored best among CAHs as determined by the Chartis Center for Rural Health for quality. 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 CAHs have achieved success in overall performance based on a composite rating from eight indices of strength: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, cost, charge, and financial efficiency. This group was selected from the Chartis Center for Rural Health's 2021 top 100 CAH list, which was released earlier this year.

The top 20 CAH best practice recipients have achieved success in one of two key areas of performance:

Quality index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across rural-relevant process of care measures.

Patient perspective index: A rating of hospital performance based on the percentile rank across all 10 HCAHPS domains.

"Annie Jeffrey is proud of the efforts of the physicians and staff who have contributed to our hospital achieving this designation," says Joe Lohrman, CEO. Our results as a top quality hospital means our community can count on us to deliver the services they need now and in the future."

Annie Jeffrey is a 16-bed critical access hospital located in the heart of Polk County. We provide state-of-the-art equipment operated by trained professionals. We take our responsibilities and obligations seriously and strive to serve our area with compassion and respect in a warm, welcoming facility with a knowledgeable and experienced staff. Annie Jeffrey Health Center works collaboratively with its community, patient population and other providers to achieve excellence in health care, respect for life and respect for each other.

About NRHA

The National Rural Health Association is a national nonprofit membership organization with more than 20,000 members. The association's mission is to provide leadership on rural health issues. NRHA membership consists of a diverse collection of individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.