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COLORADO RURAL HEALTH CENTER MEMBERS HONORED AS TOP 100 FACILITIES OF THEIR KIND IN THE NATION

The annual release of iVantage's "Top 100" lists recognizes leaders across the healthcare industry

Aurora, CO – The Colorado Rural Health Center (CRHC) is proud to announce the presence of 5 organizational members on the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and Top 100 Rural & Community, released by iVantage Health Analytics and The Chartis Center for Rural Health and announced at the recent National Rural Health Association Policy Institute.

"Measuring performance is central to improving the quality of healthcare and the performance of these top hospitals shows that, while greatly challenged, health leaders in rural can excel in the transition from volume to value," commented Michael Topchik, national leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health in a Chartis Center announcement. "In fact, our research shows that these practice leaders share key attributes that dovetail with the CMS-driven shift to value, showing that rural hospitals can offer the best quality care at the lowest cost."

CRHC members represented on the prestigious list recognizing quality and value are listed below:

Top CAHs

- GUNNISON VALLEY HOSPITAL
- HEART OF THE ROCKIES REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
- PROWERS MEDICAL CENTER

Top 100 Rural and Community Hospitals

- DELTA COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- MONTROSE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

“We are proud of our members for the recognition they’ve received,” said CRHC CEO Michelle Mills. These particular facilities, and so many others across rural Colorado, are providing quality care, ensuring patient outcomes, and leading the way in terms of patient satisfaction across the rural health landscape. The three critical access hospitals (CAHs) recognized are part of CRHC’s Improving Communications and Readmissions (iCARE) Program, which focuses on improving the patient experience by streamlining communication between care settings and improving clinical processes, leading to reductions in avoidable hospital readmissions. Mills added that from 2015-2016, iCARE CAHs reported an average 3% readmission rate and 78% of diabetic patients who receive care at iCARE participating rural health clinics demonstrate good control of blood glucose levels compared to 55% nationally. For more information on the iCARE program, click the following link: <http://coruralhealth.wpengine.netdna-cdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/10/iCARE-Insert.pdf>

Hospitals are selected based on an objective evaluation assessment of rural hospitals conducted nationwide. For more details on the results of the survey, please visit <http://bit.ly/2lOYUHv> to request a copy of the results. The full Top 100 hospital lists can be found here: <http://www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals/>.

About The Colorado Rural Health Center

The Colorado Rural Health Center was established in 1991 as Colorado's State Office of Rural Health. As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, CRHC serves dual roles as the State Office of Rural Health with the mission of assisting rural communities in addressing healthcare issues; and as the State Rural Health Association, advocating for policy change to ensure that rural Coloradans have access to comprehensive, affordable healthcare services of the highest quality. For more information visit www.coruralhealth.org, call 303-832-7493, or call toll free 800-851-6782 from rural Colorado.