

Falls City hospital continues to earn high ratings

**(KLZA)-- Community Medical Center, Falls City, has announced it has been named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Regarded as one of the industry's most significant designations of performance excellence, the annual Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals award is based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® from iVantage Health Analytics.**

**This is the third consecutive year CMC has been recognized as a Top 100 CAH in the United States.**

**Ryan Larsen, CEO, stated "As in past years, I want to thank each of our employees for their contributions to our patients and mission. I am pleased to see their hard work and our organization honored, not because it looks or sounds good, but because I hope it indicates in some way that we are making a difference in our communities and in the lives of each patient and guest that trusts us with their care."**

**Hospitals recognized as a Top 100 facility scored in the top 100 among all Critical Access Hospitals nationally. Now in its ninth year, the INDEX leverages 50 rural-relevant indicators across eight pillars of hospital strength (i.e. Inpatient Market Share, Outpatient Market Share, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspective and Financial Stability) to determine an overall score for each hospital. Each of the INDEX's 50 indicators is culled from publicly-available data sources.**

**"In an era of increased complexity and uncertainty, Top 100 hospitals have established themselves as a bellwether for rural provider performance," said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Top 100 status is a real indicator of how proactive these hospitals are when it comes to pushing for performance improvement in areas such as quality, outcomes, patient safety, market share and finance."**

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