

**KEARNEY COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES
Receives National Recognition for Performance Leadership in Quality and
Patient Perspectives**

Minden, Nebraska, November 15, 2018 – Today, on National Rural Health Day, **Kearney County Health Services** announced it has been recognized by The Chartis Center of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in **Quality and Patient Perspectives**, reflecting top quartile performance among all rural hospitals in the nation.

The Performance Leadership Awards are determined each year using iVantage Health Analytics' [Hospital Strength INDEX®](#), the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging data from public data sources, the INDEX aggregates data from 50 rural-relevant metrics across eight pillars to derive a single overall percentile rating for all Critical Access Hospitals and Rural & Community Hospitals. The Performance Leadership Awards spotlight top performance in the areas of Quality, Outcomes and Patient Perspective.

"National Rural Health Day provides the ideal opportunity to spotlight the power of rural and recognize those facilities excelling in Quality, Patient Satisfaction and Outcomes," said Michael Topchik, National Leader, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "We're thrilled to partner with NOSORH on this program and commend this year's recipients who are working diligently to provide quality care within their communities."

About NOSORH

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities.

About The Chartis Group

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