**[State’s] Rural Hospitals Honored as Performance Leadership Award Winners on National Rural Health Day**

**CITY, STATE, MONTH XX, 2024** – As part of National Rural Health Day, [**State Office of Rural Health**] today announced that [**Number**] of the state’s rural hospitals have been recognized as 2024 Performance Leadership Award winners. Compiled by [The Chartis Center for Rural Health](https://www.chartis.com/expertise/rural-health), the Performance Leadership Awards recognize top quartile performance (i.e., 75th percentile or above) among rural hospitals in Quality, Outcomes, and/or Patient Perspective.

[**State Office Director Quote**]

The Performance Leadership Awards are based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX®, a comprehensive and objective framework for assessing how rural hospitals are performing. INDEX benchmarks are relied upon by rural hospitals, health systems with rural footprints, hospital associations, and state offices of rural health to measure performance across multiple areas impacting hospital operations and finance.

“The Performance Leadership Awards capture the commitment, diligence, and innovation with which America’s rural hospitals approach the delivery of care within their communities,” said Troy Brown, Network Consultant, The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “It’s a tremendous honor to be able to recognize the efforts of this year’s award winners and celebrate their achievement as part of National Rural Health Day.”

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