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## **The National Rural Rating System Announces a New Rating Program for Rural and Critical Access Hospitals with Awards for 4 and 5 Star Hospitals Including the National Honor Roll**

The National Rural Rating System is proud to announce a new ratings program for rural and critical access hospitals, called the 5-Star National Rural Rating System. The program celebrates the extraordinary patient experiences provided by rural and critical access hospitals across the United States.

The 5-Star Rating System ranks rural and critical access hospitals – with five stars being the top ranking and one star being the lowest. The Star Ratings are similar to the CMS Stars, which allow hospitals/clinics to promote their success and are used as high-quality recognitions. Most small and rural hospitals (60%) do not qualify because of low number of qualifying inpatients for the CMS Rankings, but are held to the same high patient satisfaction criteria. This new program recognizes the hard work and dedication rural and critical access hospitals provide across the country. The rankings will include overnight hospital stays (HCAHPS) and are based on data collected by certified CMS patient satisfaction vendors.

We proudly announce and recognize our 4-Star Hospitals and 5-Star Hospitals that are part of our inaugural National Rural Honor Roll.

### **5 Star Hospitals – National Rural Honor Roll**

- Artesian Valley Health System - Meade District Hospital, Meade KS
- Decatur County Hospital, Leon IA
- Gibson Area Hospital, Gibson City IL
- Hopedale Medical Center, Hopedale IL
- Memorial Hospital, Carthage IL
- Memorial Hospital, Chester IL
- Wabash General Hospital, Mt Carmel IL

### **4 Star Hospitals**

- Allen Parish Community Healthcare, Kinder LA
- Franklin General Hospital, Hampton IA
- Lawrence County Memorial Hospital, Lawrenceville IL
- Mason District Hospital, Havana IL
- Osceola Regional Health Center, Sibley IA
- Pinckneyville Community Hospital, Pinckneyville IL
- Providence Medical Center, Wayne NE
- Unity Medical Center, Grafton ND

The National Rural Ratings System was created in collaboration with the Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN), Survey Solutions by ICAHN, Custom Learning Systems, Wyoming Department of Health, New Mexico Department of Health, Louisiana Hospital Association and AdCo Advertising Agency.

Visit [fivestarratings.org](http://fivestarratings.org) for current information and awardees.

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