

The Chartis Center for Rural Health announced it's Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals for 2019. Moab Regional Hospital has received this award based on 2018 performance and numbers.

Critical Access Hospital is a designation given to eligible rural hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Hospitals must provide 24-hour emergency care and be located at least 35 miles from another hospital among other conditions for eligibility. The CAH designation is designed to reduce the financial vulnerability of rural hospitals and improve access to healthcare by keeping essential services in rural communities.

"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."

"Moab Regional Hospital is dedicated to ensuring the community has access to high quality healthcare. We are committed to keeping our costs affordable and have taken steps to maintain financial stability for our community and those we serve" said Jen Sadoff, Chief Executive Officer. "There are 1,349 Critical Access Hospitals located throughout the United States and we are honored to be recognized in the top 7%. (Moab Regional Hospital last made the Top 100 list in 2016.)

"The Administration and physicians at Moab Regional Hospital are very supportive of high quality care and patient satisfaction" shared Darci Miller, Director of Clinical Support Services. "We participate in many reputable education and training programs that are optional for a facility of our size."

The independent scoring organization, iVantage Health Analytics uses 50 publically-available and rural-relevant indicators across eight pillars of hospital strength to create the Hospital Strength INDEX. They include: patient outcomes, patient perspective, quality and financial stability.

To read more about the Top 100 ranking visit <u>www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals</u>