2017 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital Press Release Template

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Mobridge Regional Hospital Named as 2017 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital

Mobridge Regional Hospital in **Mobridge, SD,** was recently named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by iVantage Health Analytics and The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

"This achievement is very gratifying and validates our daily commitment to providing the best health care possible to our community, while maintaining an efficient and effective facility," said John J. Ayoub, Chief Executive Officer at MRH&C. "It is reflective of the excellent, high quality patient care provided day-in and day-out by our talented, dedicated, and compassionate staff and Medical Staff."

Mobridge Regional Hospital scored in the top 100 of Critical Access Hospitals on iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX®. The INDEX is the industry's most comprehensive rating of rural providers. It provides the data foundation for the annual Rural Relevance Study and its results are the basis for many of rural healthcare's most prominent awards, advocacy efforts and legislative initiatives. The list of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and more information about the study can be found at www.iVantageINDEX.com.

The Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals play a key role in providing a safety net to communities across America – and the INDEX measures them across eight pillars of hospital strength: Inpatient Share Ranking, Outpatient Share Ranking, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspectives, and Financial Stability.

"It's more important than ever that rural hospitals proactively understand and address performance in the areas of cost, quality, outcomes and patient perspective. iVantage's INDEX was designed to serve as this industry model," said Michael Topchik, national leader of the Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Across the spectrum of performance indicators, there are rural providers that are writing the blueprint for success as they transition to value-based healthcare. Our analysis shows that this group of top performers exhibits a focused concern for their community needs."

Mobridge Regional Hospital and Clinics (MRH&C) is an award winning rural health organization headquartered in Mobridge, South Dakota. Comprised of a 25-bed Critical Access Hospital, three federally certified Rural Health Clinics, a 24-bed assisted living and senior housing center, and a rural ambulance service, MRH&C serves a five county area with a population of over 17,000. MRH&C employs over 180 dedicated professionals, and has trauma designations in both North and South Dakota.

MRH was established in 1959 by community leaders dedicated to providing the finest possible care to Walworth County and the surrounding region. Today,

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Mobridge Regional Hospital offers Medical, Surgical, Obstetrical, Intensive Care/Coronary Care, Emergency Room, and Swing Bed services. They also offer a full Laboratory and state of the art Radiology department with services ranging from Digital Mammography, 40 Slice CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Nuclear Medicine, and Full Body Bone Density testing. Mobridge Regional Hospital has a fully equipped Cardiac Rehabilitation Center and a broad range of inpatient and outpatient services. Some of these services include sleep studies, Home Health services, Community Health services, Telemedicine with various community education programs and visiting specialists.

About the Chartis Group and iVantage Health Analytics

The Chartis Group (Chartis) is a national advisory services firm dedicated to the healthcare industry. Chartis provides strategic planning, value-based care, advanced performance, informatics and technology consulting services as well as leading-edge decision support tools to the country's leading healthcare providers. The Chartis Center for Rural Health (CCRH) was formed in 2016 to offer tailored services, performance management solutions, research and education to rural hospitals and facilities. Learn more at Chartisrural.com.

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