

2018 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital Press Release

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Ashe Memorial Hospital Named a 2018 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital

Ashe Memorial Hospital in Jefferson, North Carolina, was recently named one of the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. There are 1343 Critical Access Hospitals in the United States and 20 in North Carolina.

"This achievement is very gratifying and validates our daily commitment to providing the best healthcare possible to our community, while maintaining an efficient and effective facility," said Laura Lambeth, Ashe Memorial Hospital CEO. "I could not be more proud of the Ashe Memorial team and the support that we receive from our community. It is that support that has enabled us to achieve this national recognition."

Ashe Memorial 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 and objective assessment of rural provider performance 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 can be found at www.ivantageindex.com/top-performing-hospitals.

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

"The Hospital Strength INDEX provides a true benchmark for helping rural providers to better understand performance levels and identify areas of improvement," Lambeth said. "When we look across the spectrum of rural-relevant INDEX indicators, the Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals are establishing a new standard for how to deliver higher quality care to their communities despite an unpredictable healthcare environment."