

National Rural Health Day 2016



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## Vermont Rural Hospitals Deliver Top Performance

Burlington, VT - November 17, 2016 -- The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and iVantage recognize Vermont as having 7 rural hospitals score in the top 25% of performance in *Quality, Outcomes, Patient Satisfaction, and Financial Strength* compared to all acute care hospitals in the nation.

The rankings have been determined through the Hospital Strength INDEX, the industry's most objective and comprehensive assessment of rural hospital performance. In partnership with NOSORH, iVantage Health Analytics has developed this data-driven program to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care.

Leaders from rural health communities across the U.S. celebrate **National Rural Health Day** and recognize the tremendous accomplishments that have been achieved in rural healthcare this year. Michael Topchik, National Leader of the recently established Chartis Center for Rural Health, commented, "Rural providers play a critical role in the healthcare safety net for rural America. National Rural Health Day gives us the opportunity to spotlight the great value and importance of rural and critical access hospitals, particularly important as these facilities face unprecedented challenges."

Vermont has 8 critical access hospitals and five mid-size community hospitals located in rural areas. The State Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, located within the Vermont Department of Health, works with these hospitals and other partners to support quality improvement in clinical care as well as financial & operational sustainability. The State Office commends the following hospitals for their performance among their peers across the nation.

### 2016

**2 Rural Hospitals are recognized for Excellence in Quality** – Top quartile performers in the Quality-Based pillar of INDEX (AMI, HF, PN, SCIP, OP Process of Care Scores)

MT ASCUTNEY HOSPITAL  
PORTER HOSPITAL, INC

**4 Rural Hospitals are recognized for Excellence in Outcomes** – Top quartile performers in the Outcomes pillar of INDEX (Patient Safety Indicators, Readmissions, Mortality).

BRATTLEBORO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL  
CENTRAL VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER  
MT ASCUTNEY HOSPITAL  
SOUTHWESTERN VERMONT MEDICAL CENTER

**2 Rural Hospitals are recognized for Excellence in Financial Strength** – Top quartile performers in the Financial Stability pillar of INDEX (Leverage, Liquidity, Capital Efficiency, and Resource Availability).

COPLEY HOSPITAL  
NORTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER INC

### **About NOSORH**

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America's 61 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities.

### **About iVantage Health Analytics**

iVantage Health Analytics (iVantage) is a leading provider of healthcare analytic and performance management analytic tools. Health system and hospital leadership teams across the country rely on the company's software and services to deliver customized insights on clinical and financial performance, strategic planning, market assessment and payment optimization. iVantage's analytics are the basis of continuing thought leadership and insight in the areas of healthcare policy and research. iVantage is a subsidiary of The Chartis Group, a national advisory services firm dedicated to the healthcare industry, which recently established the Chartis Center for Rural Health. Learn more at [iVantageHealth.com](http://iVantageHealth.com).

