

## **OSF HealthCare rural hospitals receive national recognition for performance leadership**

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(Peoria, IL | November 16, 2017) – As part of National Rural Health Day November 16, the Chartis Center for Rural Health/iVantage Health Analytics and the National Organization of State Office of Rural Health (NOSORH) have announced overall excellence rankings, reflecting top quartile performance among all rural hospitals in the nation.

### **Four OSF HealthCare hospitals were recognized for excellence in quality, outcomes and/or patient satisfaction.**

Small, rural and critical access hospitals achieving “Excellence in Outcomes” include [OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center](#), Monmouth; and [OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center](#), Mendota.

Those achieving “Excellence in Patient Satisfaction” include OSF Holy Family Medical Center, Monmouth; [OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center](#), Kewanee; and OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota.

Critical Access Hospital (CAH) is a designation given to certain rural hospitals by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and is designed to improve access to healthcare by keeping essential services in rural communities. A CAH must have 25 or fewer acute care inpatient beds.

“Being recognized as a top performing hospital is a huge honor. Our focus is to care for our patients as a family member. As a rural hospital we are committed to care for our community and providing them with safe, quality and personal care close to home,” said Patty Luker, President, OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center.

“Recognition as a top performing rural hospital validates the amazing work that our team does every day. They are a dedicated team that has been called to serve and care for the communities needs close to home. Our patients count on us as a partner for their health and depend on us during their times of need,” added Jennifer Junis, President, OSF HealthCare Saint Paul Medical Center.

Other small and rural Illinois hospitals recognized for “Excellence in Quality” included [OSF HealthCare Saint James - John W. Albrecht Medical Center](#), Pontiac, which was also recognized for “Excellence in Outcomes.

“We’re proud of the recognition and proud of our Mission Partners. Our commitment to providing our communities with safe, high quality care is shared throughout the organization, every patient every day,” said Brad Solberg, President, OSF HealthCare Saint James – John W. Albrecht Medical Center.

“These communities really look at their hospitals as their place for healthcare, both when they need something immediate and access to their primary care physicians and having that local means so much,” added Roxanna Crosser, OSF HealthCare western region CEO. “We know that with the OSF HealthCare name and what is occurring in those communities we are very proud that were able to deliver that locally.”

The rankings are determined each year using iVantage Health Analytics’ Hospital Strength INDEX®, the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging data from public sources, iVantage Health Analytics has developed a program that aggregates data from more than 50 individual metrics to identify excellence across a broad spectrum of indicators relevant to hospital performance and patient care.

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