

## **JMHCC recognized as a Top 100 hospital**

Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JMHCC) in Elgin announces it has been named a 2020 Top 100 Critical Access Hospital by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. This annual award honoring rural hospital performance is determined by the results of iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength INDEX®, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2020.

This places JMHCC among the top 100 out of the more than 1,300 critical access hospitals nationwide. Only 12 hospitals in North Dakota were named to the top 100 list.

“This is a great accomplishment for JMHCC and we are proud of this achievement. It is amazing to see what we can achieve as a team, when our main focus is on providing high-quality patient care. I would like to recognize our board of directors, the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation board, leadership, staff and community for this award. It has been a team effort!” said JMHCC CEO Theo Stoller.

“Amidst uncertainty, transition and strain, these top performers are excelling in managing risk, achieving higher quality, securing better outcomes, increasing patient satisfaction, and operating at a lower cost than their peers. These groups serve as a benchmark for other rural facilities as they strive to achieve similar results and provide a blueprint for successfully navigating the uncertainty of the new health care,” The Chartis Center for Rural Health stated.

“There is no better illustration of the value that rural facilities provide to their communities than the annual identification and recognition of the top-performing rural facilities. Each year, the rural hospitals are analyzed through the lens of the Hospital Strength INDEX, the industry's most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance in the United States,” the center stated.

Utilizing 50 independent indicators, the INDEX assesses performance across eight pillars that span market-, value- and finance-based categories. Hospitals recognized as a Top 100 facility had one of the 100 highest overall scores among all critical access hospitals nationally.

“The Top 100 Critical Access Hospital award program reminds us that rural providers haven't lost touch with their mission and are committed to delivering better quality, better outcomes and better patient satisfaction,” said Michael Topchik, with The Chartis Center for Rural Health.

JMHCC's most recent accomplishments include acquisition of the Richardton Clinic to expand its patient care, the addition of services from a visiting cardiologist and relaunch of its cardiac rehabilitation program, and implementation of a medication-assisted treatment program for opioid dependence at the Glen Ullin and Richardton clinics.

In fiscal year 2019, JMHCC invested \$1.6 million in construction, updates and equipment, including installing new flooring, completing the conversion of the boiler system from coal to propane, and installing a new digital X-ray room.

In fiscal year 2019, JMHCC also continued a six-year trend of sustaining a positive operational bottom line. This was accomplished, in part, with \$257,555 in grant revenue and donations of \$72,828 from the Jacobson Memorial Hospital Foundation in 2019. This strong trend of community support continues in 2020, with more than \$42,000 donated during the one-day Giving Hearts Day.

Most recently, JMHCC received \$93,257.50 in grant funding from the N.D. Department of Human Services' Home and Community-Based Services Program Development Grant to expand its services to the elderly population. Details on those services are being discussed. To learn more about JMHCC, visit its Facebook page or visit [www.jacobsonhospital.org](http://www.jacobsonhospital.org).