

## **JMHCC recognized nationally for quality care**

As part of National Rural Health Day, Jacobson Memorial Hospital Care Center (JMHCC) in Elgin announces it has been recognized as a top hospital in quality care, earning a 2020 Performance Leadership Award for top quartile performance in quality.

JMHCC was spotlighted by The Chartis Center of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in quality. The Performance Leadership Award program utilizes the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX® to recognize top quartile performance among critical access hospitals and rural and community hospitals.

“Our team does a great job of providing quality care. We provided quality patient care before we entered a pandemic, and through these more difficult times, we continue to confirm that our entire staff is patient-focused,” said JMHCC CEO Theo Stoller.

Celebrating its 10th anniversary, the INDEX is the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Based entirely on publicly available data sources, the INDEX methodology is the data foundation for a number of industry-leading rural recognition programs, rural health safety net-related research, and legislative initiatives. Performance Leadership Award recipients are rural hospitals ranking in the 75th percentile or above in the INDEX performance pillars for quality, outcomes or patient perspective.

“Despite the fact that COVID-19 has created greater instability across the rural health safety net, we continue to see countless examples of rural hospitals rising to the challenge to serve their communities,” said Michael Topchik, with The Chartis Center for Rural Health. “I believe this dedication to mission and drive to overcome unexpected challenges echoes the long-standing commitment among rural hospitals to deliver high-quality care. We are thrilled to honor this year’s top quartile performers.”

“Across the nation, rural hospitals have been working exceptionally hard to adjust to the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic. While it has not been an easy year, I believe the perseverance displayed by rural hospitals and their partners at the State Offices of Rural Health exemplifies the true spirit of National Rural Health Day,” said Teryl Eisinger, chief executive officer, NOSORH.

JMHCC, a critical access hospital, operates clinics in Elgin, Glen Ullin and Richardton.