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### **Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital named to top 100 list**

Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital was recently named one of the top 100 critical access hospitals (CAHs) in the country. The announcement was made as part of the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) 10th annual Critical Access Hospital Conference which attracted 650 rural hospital leaders to Kansas City, Missouri last week.

The top 100, including NRHA member Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital scored best on the iVantage Health Analytics' Hospital Strength Index. In this first-ever comprehensive rating of CAHs, the results recognize the top hospitals that are the safety net to communities across America – measuring them across 56 different performance metrics, including quality, outcomes, patient perspective, affordability and efficiency.

“The National Rural Health Association is proud that the efforts of Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital have been recognized by this nationwide analysis and ranking,” said Alan Morgan, NRHA Chief Executive Officer. “Rural hospitals play such a critical role in providing needed care to the 62 million Americans who call rural home, yet our challenges are completely different in access while equally complex in delivery as urban hospitals. NRHA celebrates this diversity and is committed to advancing performance improvement in all rural areas.”

“It is an honor to be recognized by national organizations as one of the top 100 Critical Access Hospitals in America. As such, our hospital is ranked in the top 8% of small rural hospitals in the United States. Now imagine this nationally recognized level of care being delivered in a state-of-the-art hospital. This will take health care in our region to the next level of excellence. It is what this region deserves and what the Hospital Board of Directors intends to deliver,” said Bill Sexton, Chief Executive Officer at Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital.

NRHA is a nonprofit organization working to improve the health and well-being of rural Americans and providing leadership on rural health issues through advocacy, communications, education and research. NRHA is made up of 20,000 diverse individuals and organizations, all of whom share the common bond of an interest in rural health.