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LAKES REGIONAL HEALTHCARE RECOGNIZED AS A 2019 TOP 100 RURAL AND COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Spirit Lake, IA (March 1, 2019) Lakes Regional Healthcare has been named one of the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in the United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. Regarded as one of the industry's most significant designations of performance excellence, the annual Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals award is based upon the results of the Hospital Strength INDEX[®] from iVantage Health Analytics.

Lakes Regional Healthcare President and CEO Jason Harrington is humbled by the recognition, saying, "We take our commitment to improving the health and well-being of our patients very seriously. We are extremely fortunate to have a very dedicated and professional healthcare team that does their best every day to deliver the highest levels of patient care. This recognition affirms the great work they do every day and I'm proud of all of them. Lakes Regional Healthcare is one of four Iowa hospitals who were recognized, which speaks well of the strong healthcare delivery system in Iowa."

Hospitals recognized as a Top 100 facility scored in the top 100 among all rural and community hospitals nationally. Now in its ninth year, the INDEX leverages 50 rural-relevant indicators across eight pillars of hospital strength (i.e. Inpatient Market Share, Outpatient Market Share, Cost, Charge, Quality, Outcomes, Patient Perspective, and Financial Stability) to determine an overall score for each hospital. Each of the INDEX's 50 indicators is culled from publicly-available data sources.

"In an era of increased complexity and uncertainty, Top 100 hospitals have established themselves as a bellwether for rural provider performance," said Michael Topchik, National Leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health. "Top 100 status is a real indicator of how proactive these hospitals are when it comes to pushing for performance improvement in areas such as quality, outcomes, patient safety, market share, and finance."

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