**News Release**

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**Memorial Community Hospital and Health System**

**Recognized with 2019 Performance Leadership Award in Quality**

**Blair, NE, December 9, 2019** –MCH&HS today announced it has been recognized by The Chartis Center of Rural Health and the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) for overall excellence in Quality. Based on the results of the [Hospital Strength INDEX](http://www.ivantageindex.com) from iVantage Health Analytics, the Performance Leadership Awards reflect top quartile performance among all rural hospitals in the United States in either Quality, Outcomes or Patient Perspective.

Manuela Wolf, President and CEO of MCH&HS stated “This recognition is not something MCH&HS seeks but rather it is a direct result of the commitment, care and compassion shown every day by the wonderful staff and volunteers that care for those we serve.”

The Hospital Strength INDEX is the industry’s most comprehensive and objective assessment of rural hospital performance. Leveraging data from publicly available data sources, the INDEX aggregates data from 50 rural-relevant metrics across eight pillars of performance. Celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2020, the INDEX serves as the data foundation for a number of industry-leading rural recognition programs and legislative initiatives.

Memorial Community Hospital & Health System, located at 810 North 22 Street, has been serving the residents of Burt and Washington Counties for more than 60 years. The hospital, and its network of outreach clinics and home healthcare services, continues to heal, nurture and promote health by proactively identifying and meeting the needs of these communities. For more information visit, http://www.mchhs.org

**About NOSORH**

The National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) was established in 1995 to assist State Offices of Rural Health in their efforts to improve access to, and the quality of, health care for America’s 57 million rural citizens. NOSORH enhances the capacity of SORHs to do this by supporting the development of state and community rural health leaders; creating and facilitating state, regional and national partnerships that foster information sharing and spur rural health-related programs/activities; and enhancing access to quality healthcare services in rural communities.

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